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From Your Editor

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I pride myself on being as calm as possible but this year has become incredibly stressful! My daughter has gotten engaged and is getting married in September or is it October? That’s the problem, the date keeps changing and with change comes the need for the assistant wedding planner (yours truly) to look into possibilities for venues, caterers, florists, etc. That’s in addition to my regular duties!

Anyway, we have been lucky to have a fabulous issue this time guest edited by Nawin Gupta, who is the most flexible person I know! I love the theme of last year’s ASA conference — the best way to predict the future is to invent it! There are some intriguing papers in this issue. Authors are Brian F. O’Leary, Chris Banks, Jill Emery, Ann Lawson, and Pinar Erzin. They talk about a unified theory of publishing, libraries as physical and online spaces, discovery and delivery, intermediaries and their value, and adding value to business.

We have an Op Ed by Bob Holley about collection development theory and a Back Talk by Tony Ferguson about Martin Luther King and dreams and the amount of social progress that has been made in librarianship. We have a lot of great profiles of people and companies. I love the profiles and hope you all do too! We have From the Reference Desk reviews and a special report about NCCO, what a project, Legally Speaking about the need for legislative reform, Lolly’s great Copyright Questions and Answers. Leila Salisbury lets us in on publishers’ confusion about pricing models, Antje Mays talks about PDA and harnessing data, we have reports from the 2012 Charleston Conference thanks to the hard-working Ramune Kubilius and her great crew of reporters, Tom Leonhardt still loves book collecting (bless his heart), Bob Nardini is in Glasgow, Donna Jacobs is reading folk tales, Collecting to the Core is about French dictionaries (especially useful), Sam Demas is talking about kerfuffles (and it’s not something to eat), and there’s much more. But, excuse me, my cell phone is ringing, text messages are proliferating, and I am feeling the “overwhelmness” of an assistant wedding planner coming on! In the meantime, keep dry (it has been raining constantly in Charleston) and look forward to spring!

Much love to y’all, Yr. Ed.

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published his first two journals, Freshwater Biology and the Journal of Biogeography, in 1971. Campbell became editorial director in 1978 and rose through the ranks to become President of Blackwell Publishing and Senior Publisher after Wiley’s acquisition of Blackwell in 2007. “I have loved my career in publishing and my time at Wiley,” said Campbell. “However, after 44 years it is time to take a step back, spend more time with my wife and family and enjoy my free time pursuing my interests outside publishing including fly fishing, conservation and farming.” Bob has spoken at the Charleston Conference several times and we will miss him but it sounds like he will be having lots of fun anyway!

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Dear Editor:

I saw your note on the ATG NewsChannel Website and have been meaning to link up. I’ve presented the last two years at Charleston and absolutely love the Conference, the city, and everything related.

I am hoping to attend a Fiesole Retreat in the near future.

Best,

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