**Report of the Association of College and Research Libraries Science and Technology Section (ACRL STS) Liaison to the Science-Technology Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA DST)**

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SLA DST had a fruitful year so far in 2014. Nevenka Zdravkovska, nevenka@umd.edu, assumed responsibilities as the Chair in January 2014 at the Leadership Summit in Memphis, and Sheila Rosenthal SLR@sei.cmu.edu became the Chair-Elect/co-Program Planner for 2015. Other officers include Helen Josephine, helenj@stanford.edu (Past Chair), Anna Ren annawu@northwestern.edu (Secretary) and Thea Allen, theaallen@gmail.com (Treasurer). There is also an advisory board of committee chairs and other positions, such as Archivist, Auditor, Web Master, etc.

This year, SLA’s Annual Conference was held in Vancouver, BC, Canada June 8-11. Due to the international location of the conference, many corporate and government agency librarians were unable to attend. According to the press release, “1,652 information professionals registered to attend and participate in more than 200 conference sessions and visit 150 exhibiting companies during the three-day meeting”, for a total of 2,402 information professionals included 424 first-timer attendees. Nonetheless, it was a very interesting conference with some great sessions on Big Data, altmetrics, and analytical and mapping tools. Next year’s conference will be in Boston, June 14, 17, 2015, where the theme will be **Be Revolutionary**.

The compressed schedule that was started in 2013 continued in 2014, which meant fewer slots for programs and other events. However, DST still managed to lead or co-sponsor many relevant sessions during the conference, and held a free web-based professional development course and a virtual Business meeting earlier in the year. The professional development course, From Literature Searching to Literature Analysis: How to Create Insight with Search Results,” presented by Deborah Keller, was well-received. Her slides are [here](http://scitech.sla.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/Literature-Analysis.pptx).

One program in particular, **Academic Libraries: Supporting innovation and entrepreneurship,** was highlighted as a Spotlight Session for the entire conference. Other important sessions included ***When powerhouses merge: Librarians and vendor perspectives*, which discussed the Elsevier’s acquisition of Mendeley and Knovel, *Staying in the game – New roles for libraries in research support*, and *Reproducible Research: a path for boosting science in the 21st century*  which garnered high praise from attendees.*.***

DST continued with popular sessions such as *Science and Engineering 101* (2014 topics: to celebrate the 10th anniversary of this program, favourite websites and resources from the past decade were highlighted and updated), the *Science o*f… series (2014 topic: Sustainable Seafood), the *Computer Science Roundtable*, the *All-Sciences Poster Session and Reception,* and some networking events such as the *Newcomers’ Lunch*, the *Sci-Tech Reception and Awards Ceremony* which replaced the Annual Breakfast, and a tour (2014 tour: TRIUMF, UBC, Museum of Anthropology, Irving K Barber Learning Centre).

Program Planning for 2015 Annual Conference is well underway, and will include many of the continuing popular sessions, networking events, and some new programs. Beth Thomsett-Scott (bethts007@gmail.com) is SciTech Division Conference Program 2015 Planner, Sheila Rosenthal (SLR@sei.cmu.edu), is co-planner. Either can be contacted for further details.

DST gives out yearly awards for travel and achievement. In conjunction with the Engineering Division, DST gave $3000 for the **Bonnie** **Hilditch International Librarian Award** to a mid-career international engineering librarian from the University of Cambridge, UK, **Niamh Tumelty**.

DST also partnered with the SLA Australia and New Zealand Chapter to give **Beth Wishart,** who works at the Parliamentary Library of New Zealand and who is also a student in the Master of Information Studies program at the University of Wellington, NZ, the $3000 Diane K. Foster International Library Student Travel Award.

DST gave the 2014 S. Kirk Cabeen Student Travel Award of $1000 to Alesia Rudnitskaya, a recent MLIS graduate from McGill University, Montreal, QC, and who is currently leading the implementation of a digital asset management solution at Canadian National Railway Company in Montreal.

In 2014, we renamed the Sci-Tech Division Achievement Award to honour a dearly missed colleague, Ann Koopman of Thomas Jefferson University, who died in December 2013. Ann was a truly special person, and so we were fortunate to be able to give both winners the full $1500 award and plaque. The 2014 Science-Technology Division Ann Koopman Achievement Award was presented to James Manasco, and Mary Frances Lembo, who conduct the popular *Science and Engineering 101* series, and who both have been Division Chairs, and have held other positions of importance in the Division. James is the Engineering and Physical Sciences Librarian at the University of Louisville, KY, and Mary Frances is the Research Librarian for the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Hanover, WA (although she telecommutes from her home in Michigan).

DST is looking forward to continuing its success through the end of this year and well into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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