Upcoming Conference News

PPC Update

The Program Planning Committee (PPC) is looking forward to seeing you in Fort Worth. We are excited about the program for the upcoming conference. The topics are varied and are relevant to today's information professionals.

The great ideas showcase was very well received at last year's conference as a multi-dimensional and interactive approach to poster sessions. We will be holding these again this year on Friday, May 2. The call for proposals will go out in early March.

Once again we will be organizing informal discussion groups during one of the lunch breaks at the conference. This is an opportunity for user groups to meet and discuss hot issues in serials or on other topics relevant to NASIG attendees. The call will go out in late February or early March, and the discussion groups are scheduled to happen on Saturday, May 3. Because there is not much time between the end of the morning's sessions and the start of the discussions, NASIG has coordinated with the hotel to provide discounted boxed lunches which can be purchased in advanced through the registration form. Alternatively, there are several take-out lunch options within walking distance of the hotel.

PPC has added two new programs to the schedule this year. In parallel with the great ideas showcase, we will be holding snapshot sessions, which will consist of a number of short 5-7 minute presentations with a focus

on an idea, project, workflow, etc. If you've always wanted to speak at NASIG, but haven't felt like you had enough to say for a full session, this is a great opportunity for you. PPC will be putting out a call for proposals for snapshot sessions in early March as well.

The other new program is the vendor lightning talks. The vendor lightning talks will consist of short presentations by conference sponsors covering new products, updates, and other important news. PPC Vice-Chair Anna Creech will moderate the session. Interested vendors and publishers should contact Bob Boissy (ROBERT.BOISSY@SPRINGER.COM) for more information.

The vision sessions for the conference include:

Critical Moments: Chance, Choice, and Change in Scholarly Publishing

Friday, May 2, 9:00 -10:15 a.m.

Katherine Skinner, Executive Director, Educopia Institute

Ours is an era defined by speed: soundbites, quick transitions, and changing models. We all are both witnesses and participants in the now decades-long digital transformation of the intellectual landscape. The roles, infrastructures, and workflows that long undergirded the creation, dissemination, and preservation of scholarship have been disrupted, leaving open such questions as: what constitutes a "serial" or a "publication"? How is it reviewed and

validated? How is it presented and disseminated? Who has access to it, and under what circumstances? And how will it persist? Dr. Katherine Skinner will consider the roles of chance, choice, and change in academic publishing. Using a sociology of culture lens, she will discuss this critical moment in information management and its implications for the future. She will consider current and prospective models for scholarship and knowledge dissemination, as well as the roles that key information stakeholders—academic, non-profit, government, and commercial—may play in the evolution of this field.

From a System of Journals to a Web of Objects

Saturday, May 3, 9:00 -10:15 a.m.

Herbert Van de Sompel, Prototyping Team Leader, Research Library of the Los Alamos National Laboratory

A lot has happened since scholarly journals made their way onto the web about two decades ago. Increasingly the research process, not just research communication, is web-based. Articles and books are no longer the only objects relevant to research communication. Objects created and used as part of the research endeavor do not have the same sense of fixity that traditional publications had. And, machines are joining humans as creators and consumers of research objects. The presentation will observe these ongoing changes and will explore some of the possible consequences for networked, digital research communication.

Reaching New Horizons: Gathering the Resources Librarians Need to Make Hard Decisions

Sunday, May 4, 9:00 – 10:15 a.m.

Jenica Rogers, Director of Libraries, State University of New York at Potsdam

The information market bubble seems to be bursting, for libraries, with many librarians decrying the end of the "big deal" and looking toward new models for information access and delivery. But it's not easy to change our academic institutions, or our expectations after an era of plenty in scholarly communications and serial publishing. Many librarians are left wondering how to enact meaningful change in support of a new way of doing things. Jenica Rogers insists that it can be done, and done well. She will speak to the skills and resources librarians and administrators need to build in order to create thoughtful change at the local level, make hard decisions with confidence, and build community around the ever-evolving needs of libraries.

We are offering the following preconferences:

RDA & Serials: Transitioning to RDA within a MARC 21 Framework

Wednesday, April 30, 1:00-5:00 p.m. & Thursday, May 1, 8:00 a.m. - noon

Les Hawkins, Coordinator of the CONSER program at the Library of Congress
Hien Nguyen, CONSER Specialist at the Library of Congress

This workshop provides the basic principles of serials cataloging using RDA and MARC 21 applicable to both original and copy cataloging. The workshop focuses on applying CONSER RDA core elements for serials. The course is designed for those new to serials: beginning serials catalogers and technicians and monograph catalogers working with serials. Experienced AACR2 serials catalogers wishing to make the transition to RDA are welcome to take this course as a primer to RDA serial cataloging.

Building Your Licensing and Negotiation Skills Toolkit

Wednesday, April 30, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Claire Dygert, Assistant Director for Licensing and E-Resources, Florida Virtual Campus

The first part of the pre-conference will explore the role of license agreements in the e-resource environment, and detail best practices for creating agreements that

protect the rights of users and libraries.   Part two of the preconference will focus on developing negotiating skills and strategies and the confidence to employ them.

Big Deals and Squeaky Wheels: Taking Stock of Your Stats

Thursday, May 1, 8:00 a.m. – noon

Lea Currie, Head of Content Development, University of
    Kansas
Angie Rathmel, Electronic Resources Librarian,
    University of Kansas

Attendees will be able to take stock of the tools and technologies available to assess e-resources for collection decisions, as well as gain hands-on experience in taming this particular assessment frontier. The combination of presentation and hands-on activities will focus on "big-deal" e-journal packages analysis with some brief attention to methods for assessing individual resources, such as databases and e-books.

From Ideas to Action: Supporting Open Access at the Local Level

Thursday, May 1, 8:00 am - noon

Amy Buckland, eScholarship, ePublishing & Digitization Librarian, McGill University

Join us to discuss policies and services, building social capital, optimizing unique opportunities, and how to involve community stakeholders in all that the library does. Attendees should be ready to look at practical and

actual initiatives at their institution - we will be brainstorming and sharing ideas from the traditional (such as institutional repositories) to the newer like library-based publishing.

The full schedule of events can be found at: http://nasig2014.sched.org/.