President's Corner

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Here it is March, and the 30th Annual NASIG Conference is just around the corner! Please join us in Washington, D.C. for what promises to be a very special conference, Wednesday, May 27th through Saturday, May 31st. This year's conference will run on a different schedule from years past, because NASIG is holding a joint programming session with the Society for Scholarly Publishing (SSP) to kick off the conference on Wednesday, May 27th, from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Let me give you the full breakdown on the conference, starting at the beginning.

To begin with, feel free to come in on Tuesday, May 26th to get a good night's sleep before the joint programming with SSP. We have a block of rooms available at our conference hotel, the Hilton Crystal City, which opens that night.

On Wednesday, May 27th, we will travel down the road a couple blocks to the Crystal Gateway Marriott, home of the SSP Conference, for a joint programming session entitled, *Evolving Information Policies and Their Implications: A Conversation for Librarians and Publishers*. The program will include speakers from the areas of publishing, librarianship, research and vending, discussing a range of information policy issues, such as research mandates and the thorny problems of copyright. Our keynote speakers will include Jayne Marks, Vice President of Publishing at Wolters Kluwer Health, Scott Plutchak, Director of the Lister Hill Library of Health Sciences at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and Caitlin Tresande, Senior Strategy

Editor for *Nature*. There will also be a closing panel discussion moderated by NASIG's own recent past-president, Bob Boissy. The cost of the session is included in your full conference registration, and lunch will be provided, so you have no reason to miss this informative and lively session from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.! (By the way, in my previous President's Column, I mistakenly said that this would be our first every joint programming session with SSP. It turns out that NASIG and SSP did have a program together on June 20, 1992. In my defense, I started my first job in a library a few weeks after that meeting, so I didn't know about it.)

After the joint session with SSP, NASIG will have its official conference opening the afternoon of Wednesday, May 27th, which is one day earlier than our normal schedule. We'll then have full programming on Thursday, May 28th and Friday, May 29th. (Be sure to join us for a 30th anniversary celebration that evening.) We will conclude the conference with a half day of programming on Saturday, May 30th, and adjourn at noon. The Program Planning Committee has a fantastic slate of programs cooked up for this conference, which you won't want to miss.

If you're wondering about where preconferences fit into this, never fear. We knew that the flipped schedule would make it hard for us to hold our normal preconference workshops, so this year we are holding postconference workshops on the afternoon of Saturday, May 30th and the morning of Sunday, May 31st. So, if you're looking for the extra educational

opportunities that preconferences provide, we will still be having workshops, just at a different point in our schedule.

So, now you know the score. When you make your travel plans and hotel reservations for the 2015 conference, be sure to check out our new schedule and take it into account. Consult the NASIG website for conference updates. See you in D.C.!