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#### FROM THE PRESIDENT

I've always wondered, though never seriously questioned, what GIS members got for their dues to AGI. Was it just a requirement, as an official part of the geoscience community?

I knew that we had a GIS member on the AGI Governing Board and that the GEOREF User Group Steering Committee and our representatives on the GIS Advisory Board were constantly working with GEO-REF to improve the database. Was this participation what we got from AGI?

Well, in the last few months I've learned more about what AGI does, and what AGI does for us.

I received a letter from AGI with important news for the geoscience information community, including:

- President Reagan signed the Education for Economic Security Act (P.L. 98-377) that authorizes a billion dollars to aid science and mathematics education. Most of the funds go to the Department of Education to be passed on to the states, and \$200 million is for NSF programs to train and retrain teachers in science and mathematics
- Universities are by-passing federal agencies and getting direct appropriations from Congress for construction and renovation. Lobbyists are using this direct means to circumvent the funding agencies' usual internal review methods.
- NSF is making plans for a National Science Week in May 1985.

Then, AGI President Turner asked me to nominate someone to the 24-person National Science Foundation Board of Directors (to replace Dr. Peter Flawn, retiring President of the University of Texas-Austin). The NSF Board makes policy and makes recommendations to President Reagan on issues effecting the vitality of the nation's research capacity. President Turner included biographies of a dozen scientists who had been recommended for the 6-year term on the Board. After consulting a variety of University of Oklahoma geology and geophysics faculty, I will recommend a person who has a broad background in research and leadership

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GIS members are encouraged to contribute articles or news of general interest to the membership. Please send any manuscripts to the Chairperson of the Editorial Board. All other items, such as citations, letters to the editor, job announcements, publication notices, and general news should be sent to the Newsletter Editor.

Material for the June Newsletter should be received by the editor no later than May 31, 1985.

The GIS Newsletter is published bi-monthly in February, April, June, August, October, and December by the Geoscience Information Society. Subscription to the Newsletter is \$20.00 per year and is included in the Society's annual membership dues. All correspondence relating to dues, membership status and address changes should be directed to the GIS Secretary.

and who, by the consensus of this group, would be a strong and persuasive advocate for all the earth sciences. I will forward his name on behalf of GIS to Dr. Turner for his consideration.

Marvin Kauffman, Executive Director of AGI, has asked to meet with the GIS Executive Board to "bring greetings from AGI, to tell a little about what AGI is doing, and to answer any questions our Board may have." Dr. Kauffman has accepted my invitation to meet with the GIS Executive Board on Sunday, October 27, 1985. (If members have any questions for Dr. Kauffman, please let me know.)

These examples show that, through AGI, GIS increases its effectiveness, both in the geoscience community and in the larger scientific community. As I learn more about how GIS and other member societies interact with AGI I'll pass it on.

#### THESIS PROJECT

In the late 1970s a five-person GIS committee was appointed to obtain listings of theses and dissertations from all schools in the U.S. and Canada which granted advanced degrees in the earth science disciplines. The information was gathered and the index cards were prepared for approximately 30,000 items. Geographic, institution, and general subject indexes were planned.

But the project became so large that the membership decided they could no longer support it financially. The cards were sent to committee member Reggie Brown, who agreed to store them and who wanted to compile a regional list from the information. Reggie now needs the space the cards have occupied so she has asked me to find a place for most of them. (She will keep the cards for Ohio and its surrounding states and provinces until 1988 when she will send all of them to GEOREF.) John Mulvihill, GEOREF Director, will store the cards until he can input them into the database, since, according to the survey conducted in 1984 (see GIS Proceedings, v. 15, p. 139-163), the input of these

records was not the highest priority.

The effort that has gone into this project will eventually be available in the GEOREF database, and possibly a cumulative, hard copy list of all earth science theses and dissertations will be published.

#### FROM THE EDITORS

Our thanks to everyone who has contributed to the newsletters— keep up the good work! We've enjoyed reading your comments about the last issue.

We'd like to offer our special thanks to Nancy Herman of the Washington Division of Geology and Earth Resources for donating her time and expertise on the design and production of the newsletter.

Delivery of the last issue was delayed for some members because of postal problems which have since been resolved. There have also been a few instances when submitted material has not been received by the editors, so if you were expecting to see an item and it wasn't there, please let us know.

This issue contains numerous announcements about meetings, available publications, jobs, and services. A list of the 1985 Committees and Representatives has been included, as well as a new set of Geophysics Index Terms as prepared by the AGU.

There is an interesting and especially timely article by Edward Liszewski on the automation system at the USGS Library. Many libraries are considering and implementing integrated systems, making the selection criteria used by various libraries important reading. We encourage anyone who has experience in evaluating or implementing an online system to share this information with the GIS membership.

Finally, we would like to extend our appreciation to Claren Kidd for editing and publishing the Proceedings of the 1984 Reno meeting. This volume will be a valuable resource for the geoscience community.

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

#### **PROCEEDINGS**

The Proceedings of the 27th International Geological Congress, held in Moscow, August 4-14, 1984 are now available from VNU Science Press. The contributions are published in 23 volumes and provide a comprehensive source for current research in the geological sciences. Cost for the set is DM 1990. For additional information, write to:

VNU Science Press P. O. Box 2073 3500GB Utrecht The Netherlands

The Proceedings of the Eighteenth International Symposium on Computer Applications in the Mineral Industries, held on March 26-30, 1984, in London, are now available. Papers cover a wide range of topics concerning mineral processing, estimation, and analysis. The cost for the 892 page paperback is \$116.95, and is available from:

The Institution of Mining and Metallurgy North American Publications Center Old Post Road Brookfield, VT 05036 (802) 276-3162

The Proceedings of the Australian Geoscience Information Association Seminar on Information Needs of the Exploration Geoscientist, edited by G. E. Campbell, are now available. The seminar was held at the Australian Mineral Foundation, Glenside, South Australia, on December 5-7, 1983, and it provided information on reference systems and services useful to the exploration geoscientist. The volume is 239 pages, it sells for \$A 10.00, and is available from:

AGIA-South Australia Branch C/- South Australian Department of Mines and Energy 191 Greenhill Road Parkside, South Australia 5063 Dudich, E., editor, 1984, Contributions to the history of geological mapping: Hungarian Academy of Sciences, 442 p. \$34.

Contains the proceedings of the 10th symposium on the International Commission of the History of Geological Sciences, Budapest, August 1982. Order from: Akademiai Kiado, P. O. Box 24, H-1363 Budapest, Hungary.

#### **JOURNALS**

#### GEOSCIENCE CONTENTS TO BE AVAILABLE

Beginning this spring a new service will be available to the geoscience community. *Geoscience Contents*, a quarterly publication, will provide contents pages from thirteen journals and excerpted references to articles in a fourteenth. Special emphasis will be given to journals covering marine geology and sedimentary geology. The journals include:

Journal of Sedimentary Petrology Journal of Geophysical Research (Oceans Section) Marine Geology Sedimentary Geology Sedimentology Geological Society of America Bulletin Journal of Geology American Association of Petroleum Geologists Bulletin Deep-Sea Research Limnology and Oceanography Journal of Physical Oceanography Marine Geophysical Researches Environmental Geology and Water Research

selected references to Science

Subscription rates are \$18 for individuals and \$29.50 for institutions, with slightly higher rates for Canadian and foreign subscribers. For additional information, contact:

Geoscience Contents P. O. Box 1036 Old Lyme, CT 06371 In February 1986, the Society of Economic Paleontologists and Mineralogists will begin publishing a new journal, Palaios. Articles will contain timely information on paleontological research that will aim to stimulate new developments in the field and help provide solutions to geologic problems. Each issue will contain comprehensive lead articles, short papers, book reviews, relevant news items, and invited editorials. For information on submissions or subscriptions, write to:

Dr. Leo F. Laporte, Palaios Earth Sciences University of California, Santa Cruz Santa Cruz, CA 95064

#### BOOKS

The Bibliography of 1979-1982 of the Commission on the Coastal Environment of the International Geographical Union is now available. The price is \$16 (US) or \$20 (US) with the addition of the guidebook of the 1984 excursion of the Commission, The Atlantic Coast of France from Arcachon to the Loire Estuary (in French). Postage is included in the price. Send prepaid orders to:

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The Four Corners Geological Society has announced that the Oil and Gas Fields of the Four Corners Area, Volume III is available. The publication, designed to complement Volumes I and II, includes all fields in the area to January I, 1983. Volume III contains 7 special papers, 14 general papers, and 95 field papers, to a total of 415 pages. The price is \$55 including postage and handling. The 1985 publication sales list is also available from the Society. Address all inquiries to:

Four Corners Geological Society P. O. Box 1501 Durango, CO 81302 Kroner, A.; Greiling, R., editors, 1984, Precambrian tectonics illustrated: Schweizerbart'she, 419 p., \$71.60.

24 illustrated accounts of typical Precambrian tectonic features, compiled by the IUGS Commission on Tectonics. Order from: E. Schweizerbart'she Verlagsbuchhandlung, Johannesstrasse 3A, D-7000 Stuttgart, F.R.G.

— from *Episodes*, v. 7, no. 3, September 1984.

Sheahan, Patricia, 1984, Computer applications in mineral exploration 1984—Program with abstracts: Canadian Exploration Geophysical Society, Geological Association of Canada, Mineral Deposits Division (and others), 62 p., (photocopy), \$10 (Canadian). Available from: Konsult International Inc., 44 Gemini Road, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada M2K 2G6.

Sheahan, Patricia, 1984, Geological bibliography of mid-continent basement U.S.A.: Geological Society of America Microform Publication 15, 1 card. \$4. CIP ISBN 0-8137-6015-1.

Tinsley, E. J.; Hollander, J. P., compilers, 1984, Worldwide directory of national earth-science agencies and related international organizations: U.S. Geological Survey Circular 934, 102 p. Available free upon request from:

Distribution Branch Text Products Section U.S. Geological Survey 604 South Pickett Street Alexandria, VA 22304

Zapfe, C. A., 1984, Geohydrothermodynamics of a water planet—A new geological model; Volume I, Quaternary Glaciation theories: CAZlab, 170 p. \$20 for North America and Hawaii, \$21 elsewhere (includes postage).

Order from:

CAZlab 6410 Murray Hill Road Baltimore, MD 21212 to Dedy's
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#### REPRINTS (ETC.)

The Geological Society of lowa has reprinted all its earlier quidebooks. The prices generally range from \$1.50 to \$3.00. For further information, contact:

Carol Thompson Iowa Geological Survey 123 North Capitol Street Iowa City, Iowa 52242

The Montana Tech Library has extra copies of many USGS folio atlases for most states, published 1894-1919. They are available to public access libraries on a first come, first served basis and we only ask that you reimburse us for postage. If you would like to see the list, let us know, or you may ask for any individual folios.

Because the folios require substantial packing, they take time to send. Send inquiries to:

Elizabeth Morrissett Library Montana Tech Butte, MT 59701

#### OUT-OF-PRINT TOPO MAPS AVAILABLE

A selection of out-of-print topographic maps for the United States is available for purchase from John P. Coll, Books. The maps are all original publications in good to fine condition, issued from the late 1800's through the middle 1900's. To receive the catalog Topographic Mapping in the United States or any further information, contact:

John P. Coll, Books P. O. Box 5626 Berkeley, CA 94705 (415) 845-8475

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### EXPLORATION SCANNING SERVICE AVAILABLE

A comprehensive scanning service and list of current information for the exploration geologist is available from Konsult International, Inc. The monthly issues are approximately 50 pages, and include all relevant journal citations, book reviews, tables of contents of recent books, guidebooks, conference papers, and items from publication lists. Subscription cost is \$2400 (US) per year. Examples (two issues) and an outline of the service are available at \$25 (US), prepaid, from:

Konsult International, Inc. 44 Gemini Road Willowdale, Ontario Canada M2K 2G6

DIALOG users now have access to a new database—Soviet Science and Technology, File 270. This database provides some of the latest research from the Soviet Union and Societ Bloc countries. Produced by IFI/Plenum Data Co., it con-

tains more than 80,000 records dating from 1975 to the present. The records include basic bibliographic data and English-language abstracts, if available, drawn from journal articles, technical reports, conference papers, and patents. More details are available from the DIALOG Chronolog, April 1985, v. 13, p. 68.

#### WARNING!!!

GIS members should be aware that some of the Blackwell Scientific Publications catalogs provide incomplete information about certain items— specifically, books published in the GSA Special Publications series. In some catalogs the descriptions of these volumes don't mention that they are part of the series, so if your library has a standing order for the series this omission could cause unnecessary duplication. Please check all catalog descriptions carefully.

The Association for Women Geoscientists has announced its officers for 1985: President, Elizabeth A. E. Johnson, Union Oil Co., Los Angeles, CA; Vice-President, Kathleen M. Johnson, USGS, Denver, CO; Secretary, Patricia H.

Pecora, Minerals Management Service, Reston, VA; Treasurer, Amy S. Mohler, Superior Oil Internation, Houston, TX; Editor, Carol Dickerson, Stauffer Chemical Co., Richmond, CA; Past President, Laurie L. Langer, Pittsburgh Public Schools, Pittsburgh, PA.

#### MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

Dorothy Vitaliano's translation of The Biological Fractionation of Isotopes, by E. M. Galinov has just been published by Academic Press (1985). This is her fourth full-length published translation— the others are Yu. P. Mel'nik's Precambrian Banded Iron-Formations (Elsevier, 1982), G. N. Baturin's Phosphorites on the Sea Floor (Elsevier, 1982), and A. V. Sher's Pleistocene Mammals and Stratigraphy of the Far North-east U.S.S.R. and North America (published in four separately-paged installments in the International Geology Review, v. 16, 1974).

She was also the co-author of a paper presented at the International Geological Congress in Moscow last summer, "The non-existence of moissanite, SiC," by Charles Milton and Dorothy B. Vitaliano.

AND...

Kit Fuller is the co-author of a new USGS publication, *Guide to obtaining USGS information*, by Kurt Dodd, H. Kit Fuller, and Paul F. Clarke, published as U.S. Geological Survey Circular 900, 1985.

The report describes sources of USGS information and gives tables showing the types of USGS products and where they are available. Information can be found quickly by subject, by product, and by organization, and descriptions of sources include addresses and telephone numbers. A section called "How to obtain USGS products" will guide those unfamiliar with USGS ordering procedures. This report supersedes USGS Circular 777.

#### AGU INDEX TERMS

The January 29th issue of Eos presented AGU's revised index terms for journal articles and Geophysical Abstracts in Press. The accompanying article also discussed a brief history of the difficulties and time involved in developing the list. Included here is a copy of the index terms.

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## New AGU Index Terms

Listed below are AGU's revised terms for indexing journal articles and for labelling Geophysical Abstracts in Press (GAP) for Eqs. The new index set, which is the product of several years of updating and fine tuning the previous index set (see article this page), divides the geophysical disciplines into 33 major categories (compared to the 24 categories used previously) and employs more than 480 index terms (the former index set used 230-some terms).

Please clip and save these terms for future use. For instructions on preparing GAP abstracts, contact one of the AGU journal editors or the AGU Publications Office, 2000 Florida Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20009 (telephone: 202-462-6903).

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0330	Geochemical cycles
0335	Ion chemistry of the atmosphere
0340	Middle atmosphere—composition and chemistry
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0350	Pressure, density, and temperature
0355	Thermosphere—composition and chemistry
0355	Transmission and scattering of radiation
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0644	Numerical methods

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0654	Plasmas
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0699	General or miscellaneous
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0925	Magnetic and electrical methods
0930	Oceanic structures
0935	Seismic methods
0994	Instruments and techniques
0999	General or miscellaneous

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1540	Rock and mineral magnetism

1333	neversals (process, time scale, magnetostratigraphy)
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1550	Spatial variations attributed to sea floor spreading
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## THE USGS LIBRARY'S LS/2000 INTEGRATED LIBRARY SYSTEM

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#### Abstract

The USGS Library has implemented the LS/2000 integrated Library System (ILS), a microcomputer-based library automation system. Implementation activities included hardware and software procurement and modifications, conversion of files, and communication links. The system implementation will result in major changes in circulation, information access and technical processing.

The United States Geological Survey Library has implemented the LS/2000 Integrated Library System<sup>1</sup>. The Survey Library system consists of a headquarters library in Reston, Va. and branch libraries serving users in Denver, Colo., Menlo Park, Calif., and Flagstaff, Ariz.

Pursuing the long-range goals of enhancing services and reducing costs through automation, the Survey Library staff examined available computerized library systems in 1982. They also sought a means to fulfill the immediate need for service to the users at field locations. In evaluating existing systems, the library staff learned that the National Library of Medicine (NLM) was developing the Integrated Library System (ILS) applications software running under Meditech Interpretive Information Systems (MIIS) operating system.

In 1983, the USGS Library staff visited

NLM, the Pentagon Library where a prototype of the ILS was developed, the Naval Research Laboratory Library, the Welch Medical Library of Johns Hopkins University, and the Health Sciences Library of the University of Maryland. The library staff concluded that ILS had the capability of meeting most of the criteria established for the selection of an automated online, interactive library system. Of particular interest was the capability of the system to accomodate multi-branch circulation and online catalog searching.

In September 1983 the library signed a contract with Avatar Systems, Inc. to install the ILS. By December 1983 Avatar Systems was wholly purchased by OCLC and Avatar's enhanced ILS became a major part of OCLC's LS/2000.

The system includes four major subsystems which support multi-branch circulation and online catalog searching, online cataloging and authority file maintenance, management report generation, and system set-up parameters for local policy and customization. All functions access a common data base, the Master Bibliographic File (MBF), which contains MARC II compatible bibliographic information and is linked with copy specific records that reflect the availability status of items in the collection. Together, the MBF and the item status function are able to control library materials from the time they are ordered until they are withdrawn from the collection.

Any trade names are used for descriptive purposes only and do not constitute endorsement by the U.S. Geological Survey.

To search the online catalog at any location, the user may select, from the system-supplied menu, such access points as author, title, subject heading, keyword, call number, title key, author/ title key, series, Superintendent of Documents number, corporate/conference name, or map coordinates. The primary search reveals data contained in the entire system. Searches may be conducted by specifying which library location the users wishes to access. The Boolean 'AND' limitation permits users to narrow the original search. Additional limitations, defined by the library, narrow searches by publication year, series, author name, subject heading, or keyword. Diacritics are accommodated by a special feature in the MIIS operating system.

The ILS is run on a Data General Eclipse S-280 minicomputer, three 300-megabyte disk drives, a tape drive, 64 communications ports, and workstation equipment consisting of 43 terminals, 29 printers, and 14 bar code readers. More than 85,000 full-MARC records are currently stored on the Survey discs that, at peak capacity, will hold approximately 200,000 records. The library anticipates adding more disk drives and communication ports to accomodate future growth.

Cables were run from the computer room to all workstation sites in the Reston facility. The branch libraries are being supported by interfacing the government's high-speed data links from Virginia to the branch locations. In addition, four dial-up lines were linked to the system and four cables were connected to the Survey's port contention units. The PBX allows access to the ILS online catalog via any terminal with a 'BREAK' key and a modem.

The computer is housed in a secure, temperature— and humidity-controlled room outside the library. The system is maintained and operated by the library staff. The contractor supplies monthly preventive maintenance that includes cleaning and testing the compon-

ent parts of the central processing unit, disk drives, and tape drive.

#### Software Modifications

The original software to the ILS, which is in the public domain, was modified and enhanced by the contractor. Some modifications were specified in the contract. A computer tape supplied by the personnel office was used to create a patron file. Loan period modifications were made to control length of loans and renewals on basis of time and patron category. Stopword lists and phrase lists were added to speed retrieval access.

The library staff generated lists of requirements and, subsequently, reviewed the contractor's design. After a final design was accepted, programming and testing began. When the new program met the requirements, it was put into use and debugged while subjected to the rigors of "real life" operations.

#### Data Base Conversion

The creation of the MBF, a major task of the library, will require both the conversion of bibliographic records to machine-readable form and the creation of a link between the records and the items attached to that record.

Bibliographic records are being read into the MBF from OCLC archival tapes. These records consist of all materials cataloged by the library from October 1975 to January 1985. Programming was written to "flip" the records to AACR II format. As new records are added to the collection, a direct interface between the system and OCLC terminals allows a cataloger to transfer a specific record directly into the ILS through the OCLC terminal printer port. Multiple copy records are automatically created. A retrospective conversion project is underway to convert all active serial titles and all USGS publication records into machine-readable

form. After these records are added to those of the OCLC archival tape records, a data base of well over 100,000 titles will be available in the MBF. A library task force is examining areas for future retrospective conversion to enrich the data base.

#### Future Plans

As functions are added to the system and as the staff becomes more aware of the possibilities of automation, ILS will play an even larger role in the library. A special serials subsystem is being developing in conjunction with OCLC which will be based on multi-station microcomputers. It will include check-in, automatic claiming, bindery management, and summary statements of holdings. Plans are being made at the Survey to begin work on the acquisitions subsystem.

The USGS and the geoscience community will benefit from the efforts being made by this library to implement the ILS. Access to the MBF will expedite the transfer of information for those interested in geoscience information. This data, and future developments in networking and machine-to-machine communications, will have far-reaching effects which will enhance the exchange of information vital to our community of users.

#### Biographical Sketch

Edward H. Liszewski is the Assistant Chief, Branch of Library and Information Services of the U.S. Geological Survey. He is the Systems Coordinator for the implementation of the LS/2000 Integrated Library System project.

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FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON GEOSCIENCE INFORMATION

As of December 31, 1984, \$10,673.64 had been earned from the Second International Meeting on Geoscience Information (IMGI). The GIS Executive Board has decided that \$8000 of this will be used to fund the Third IMGI in Adelaide, Australia (Table I).

The remaining funds will stay in an interest-bearing account.

Members who are in a fundable catagory should send their request for support to the GIS President by February 1, 1986. (Notification of awards will be made in early 1986.) A member can apply for only one GIS grant, and all persons within a catagory will receive equal funding. Payment will be made after a documented expense claim is filed with the GIS Treasurer, after the Adelaide meeting.

Any comments or questions about these procedures whould be sent to the GIS President before the Orlando meeting.

Table	pei	maximum amount or each catagory	
GIS display to be shipped, round- trip, to Adelaide	\$ 200	\$ 200	
GIS members who are keynote or theme speakers	\$ 600 - \$ 1000	\$ 2000	
GIS members whose contributed papers have been accepted for presentation	\$ 600	\$ 4800	
GIS 1986 President	\$ 600 - \$ 1000	\$ 1000	

## HELP UP PLAN AN EFFECTIVE GEOREF WORKSHOP

As a member of the GeoRef User Group Steering Committee, I am helping plan the GeoRef workshops for the GIS annual meeting in Orlando this fall. We have arranged for two sessions: a GeoRef beginners workshop on Thurdsay morning (10/31), and a session for experienced GeoRef users on Monday morning (10/28). The advanced session will probably include an update from AGI on recent and planned enhancements to the database as well as a round table discussion.

I would like your ideas on what you'd like these two GeoRef workshops to include (or not include). If you have attended past GeoRef workshops, I'm sure you have opinions on what you liked and what you didn't. If you have not been to a GeoRef workshop, you certainly have some expectations that you hope would be met. Whether or not you plan to attend the Orland meeting (and I hope you do!), I'd like to hear from you.

Please send (or phone) your comments to:

Miriam L. Sheaves Geology Library Mitchell Hall 029A University of North Carolina Chapel Hill, NC 27514 (919) 962-2386 GEOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ANALYSIS
WORKSHOP SERIES

Locations and dates for the 8th Annual Geographic Information Analysis Workshop Series have been announced. The intensive two-day workshops will focus on the fundamental operations used in computer-assisted map analysis, and will consist of both lectures and handson exercises. The workshops will be held at the following places and times:

University of California, Berkeley,
May 22 and 23
Yale University, New Haven, May 28
and 29
University of Georgia, Athens, June
13 and 14
Purdue University, West Lafayette,
June 28 and 29
Colorado State University, Fort
Collins, July 25 and 26
Oregon State University, Corvallis,
September 4 and 5

Additional information is available by writing or calling:

Dr. Joseph K. Berry
Yale University
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Studies
205 Prospect Street
New Haven, CT 06511
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#### ASSESSMENT MAPPING WORKSHOP

The International Association of Assessing Officers (IAAO) will conduct two workshops on assessment mapping in support of propety ownership. The two-day program will be held on June 13-14 in Cincinnati, Ohio, and on September 19-20 in Salt Lake City, Utah. Registration is \$200, \$75 for IAAO members. For more information and for registration material, please write or call:

Bob Clatanoff IAAO 1313 East 60th Street Chicago, IL 60637 (312) 947-2054

## 6th LATIN AMERICAN GEOLOGICAL CONGRESS

The VI Latin American Geological Congress will be held October 9-12, 1985, in Bogota, Colombia. The Congress is open to professionals in geology and the other earth sciences, with the objective of contributing to a better understanding of the geologic problems of Latin America. Registration is \$150.00. For additional information, contact:

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Executive Secretary
VI Latin American Geological Congress
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Diagonal 53 No. 34-53
P. O. Box 4865
Cable: INGEOMINAS
Bogota, D.E.-Colombia

#### FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

May 15-17, 1985—Geological Association of Canada/Mineralogical Association of Canada; annual meeting; Fredericton, New Brunswick

May 27-31, 1985—American Geophysical Union; spring meeting; Baltimore, MD

June 8-13, 1985—Special Libraries
Association; annual meeting; Winnipeg,
Manitoba

July 6-11, 1985—American Library Association; annual meeting; Chicago

Sept. 19-20, 1985—Western Association of Map Libraries; fall meeting, Davis,

Oct. 6-10, 1985—Society of Exploration Geophysists; annual meeting, Washington, D.C.

Oct. 28-31, 1985—Geological Society of America; annual meeting; Orlando, FL Dec. 9-13, 1985—American Geophysical Union; fall meeting; San Francisco

## JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIEF LIBRARIAN, U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Applications are invited for the position of Chief, Branch of Library and Information Services. Salary: GS-15, \$52,262 - \$67,940 per annum.

The Chief Librarian is directly responsible for all library operations at the National Center, including long-range planning, budget, policy development, collection building and resource sharing, with oversight responsibility for branch operations.

The USGS Library system consists of the National Center Library in Reston, VA; branches in Denver, CO, Menlo Park, CA, and Flagstaff, AZ; a staff of 73 FTE; and 1+ million volumes.

Minimum qualifications: accredited MLS; 3 years of progressively responsible professional experience in science libraries, skill in personnel and budget management, knowledge of information technology, strong communication skills and the ability to work effectively with people. Training in earth sciences is highly desirable.

For further information contact John M. Aaron, Chief, Office of Scientific Publications, USGS, 904 National Center, Reston, VA 22092; (703) 860-6575. USGS is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action employer.

PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESOURCE LIBRARIAN/ GEOLOGY LIBRARY, YALE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Responsible for coordinating collection development and services for the library

Responsible for coordinating collection development and services for the libraries which support teaching and research programs in the physical sciences and engineering. Responsible for the collection and services of the geology library.

Requires MLS degree; training in the physical sciences (BS required, MS preferred). Knowledge of the literature of the earth sciences. Several years of professional experience in collection development and public services; experience supervising full-time staff; experience selecting and processing maps desirable. Reading knowledge of Russian or German desirable. Experience searching on-line databases desirable.

Rank and salary dependent on experience and qualifications, from a minimum of \$25,000. Fringe benefits.

Please send resume listing the names of three references by June 28, 1985, to:

Maureen Sullivan, Head Library Personnel Yale University Libraries Box 1603-A Yale Station New Haven, CT 06520

All interested persons are encouraged to apply.

HEAD, PHYSICAL SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY LIBRARIES, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES

Responsible for coordinating the operations, long-range planning, and direction of four libraries (Engineering and Math Science, Chemistry, Physics, and Geology), a technical processing unit, and an interlibrary loan operation, including on-line support system applications and bibliographic instruction; collection management and control; personnel management; funding; expenditure control; space utilization; statistical, evaluative, planning and other reports; the promotion of good relations with faculty, students, and the public.

The candidates must have demonstrated competence in administration in a complex organizational environment, particularly: competence in planning, setting objectives and priorities, communicating, mobilizing individuals to group action, and organizing for effective action; capability of working with various academic, library, and public groups and individuals; understanding of the mission of higher education and faculty/student information needs in the sciences; familiarity with research trends in the physical sciences and technology; complete understanding of academic library services to the sciences and the ability to formulate, advocate, and relate goals and programs to the fields served.

Salary range is \$25,692 - \$43,464. Send resume stating qualifications, education, and experience, with names of at least three references to:

Rita A. Scherrei, Director Administrative Systems and Personnel Services University Research Library UCLA 405 Hilgard Avenue Los Angeles, CA 90024

Candidates replying by May 15, 1985 will be given first consideration.

SUPERVISOR, COMPUTER SYSTEMS, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

A position is available for Supervisor, Computer Systems, at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Conservation and Survey Division. The Division is responsible for basic data related to natural resources, and contains the State Geological Survey, Water Survey, Soil Survey, Water Resources Center, Remote Sensing Center, and Map Information Center.

Primary responsibilities include documentation, organization, maintenance, and management of the computer service activities in the Division. Other duties related to the support of the Division's programs will also be assigned.

Applicants should have a background in computer science and in hydrology, geography, or geology. Demonstrated aptitude, interest, and experience in high-level languages for the management of large data bases; computer graphics desirable. M.S. (preferred), minimum 9 years education/experience. The salary is commensurate with experience and qualifications; minimum \$25,000.

Send resume, transcripts, and three references to:

Computing Search
Conservation and Survey Division
University of Nebraska-Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68588-0517

Applications received by May 1, 1985 will be given priority.

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