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CONFERENCES

March 1-5, 1998, Computers in Libraries, Arlington, VA. Topics at this conference include: digitizing resources; virtualizing services; Internet tools & techniques; education & technology; multimedia/ CD-ROM; Net & Web management; Library systems; training & instruction; managing organizational knowledge; K-12 libraries; Intranets; Library webmasters. Pre- & post-conferences will also be offered. For more information, contact Information Today, Inc., 143 Old Marlton Pike, Medford, NJ, 08055-8750; tel: +1 609-564-6266; fax: +1 609-654-4309; e-mail: custserv@infotoday.com; <http://www.infotoday.com>

March 25-28, 1998, Society of Competitive Intelligence Professionals (SCIP) Annual International Conference and Exhibit, Chicago, IL. This society was founded in 1986 of more than 5,600 competitive intelligence professionals from companies & consulting firms from around the globe. The topics of this conference include: using specific analytical tools & techniques to enhance CI effectiveness; embedding CI in corporate marketing & planning decision making; applying CI technology to technology-based industries; exploring global challenges for business & CI; and energizing CI organizations & systems. There will also be pre- & post-conference workshops. For more information, contact SCIP, 1700 Diagonal Rd., Ste 520, Alexandria, VA 22314, USA; tel: +1 703-739-0696; fax: +1 703-739-2524; e-mail: postmasterscip.org; <http://www.scip.org>

May 27-30, 1998, American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Spring Congress, Philadelphia, PA. The Congress entitled "Bringing Knowledge to the Point of Use" is a collaborative venture with the Medical Library Association where medical informaticians and librarians are challenged to provide access to useable and relevant information whenever clinicians may need to address patient needs. Topics include: the virtual library; point-of-use decision support; and direct patient use of educational and decision making resources. For further information, call +1 301-657-1291, or visit the AMIA web site at <http://www.amia.org>.

July 26-30, 1998, The 15th National Conference on Artificial Intelligence-AAAI-98, Madison, Wisconsin.

The AAAI-98 is the 15th National Conference on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The purpose of the conference is to promote research in AI & scientific interchange among AI researchers & practitioners. Topics may represent significant contributions to any aspect of AI: principles underlying cognition, perception, & action; design, application, & evaluation of AI algorithms & systems; architectures & frameworks for classes of AI systems; analysis of tasks & domains in which intelligent systems perform.

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NOTABLE NEWS

Candy Schwartz, ISKO member, professor at Simmons College in Boston has been appointed to a 1 year term as president-elect for the American Society for Information Science (ASIS). She joined ASIS in 1974 and has served on numerous committees and on the Board of Directors. In 1994, she received the ASIS Outstanding Information Science Teacher Award. Congratulations, Candy!

DIMDI has announced that the graphical user interface *grips*-WebSearch is now available for searches in literature databases via WWW/Internet for all DIMDI users. *Grips*-WebSearch is also available for the German language pharmaceutical ABDA-databases: ABDA PHARMA-Arzneistoffe, Fertigarzneimittel, Interaktionen, Wirkstoffdossiers, and Aktuelle Info. At present, *grips*-WebSearch offers the basic search functions and will be further developed by aiming at the integration of the complete *grips* functionality. *Grips*-WebSearch for literature and ABDA databases is reached via the option "Access to DIMDI's Databases" on DIMDI's home page, <http://www.dimdi.de/engl/login.html>

A new feature in the Reports & Communications section, starting in 1998, will be a selective bibliography of web sites that are relevant to ISKO. If you wish to contribute to this list of web sites, please send the web URL and a brief description of the site to Michelle M. Foss, Foss@uhrainbow.com