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## Message from the Chair

**Elizabeth Brown**

I hope all members have had a relaxing summer as we head into the beginning of a new academic year. The year has flown by – I'm honored to serve as chair of PAM this year and have met so many great colleagues and mentors. This group is truly a PAMily, and every annual conference is a reunion.

Attendance by our membership at the annual conference was outstanding – almost 50% of PAM members were in Phoenix. For those attending, there was a great turnout at our sessions. The Astronomy, Mathematics, Physics and Vendor Relations Roundtables were well-attended, as well as the Open House, Business Meeting, and First Night Dinner. We were also able to co-host several sessions at the conference with the Data Caucus, the Chemistry Division, and the Taxonomy Division. New to this year's program was a Book Discussion Group. Special thanks to our PAM vendor sponsors for making the recent conference memorable – AIP, APS, IOPP, ACM, OSA, World Scientific, SPIE, AAAS, SIAM, and AMS.

Special thanks also go to our PAM members moderating conference sessions this year – Joy Painter, Lauren Amundson, Jeffra Bussmann, Donna Thompson, Lauren Gala, Michael Chesnes, Sara Tompson, Therese Triumph, Kris Fowler, and Jenny Hart. Our local hospitality committee did an outstanding job and also deserve special mention –

Kelly Durkin (chair), Ruth Kneale, Melanie Faithful, and Laura Palumbo. There were over 30 attendees at our Fight Night Dinner and a completely booked tour of the Heard Museum. Congratulations also go to our two SLA award winners this year – John Kromer for the Rising Star Award and Sara Thompson for SLA Fellow.

As we move into the fall and end of the year, I want to thank all of our members for their contributions to PAM. The tone at this year's conference was positive, with great attendance, hospitality, and organization of content. This bodes very well for the 2108 Annual Conference in Baltimore. We hope to see you there!

## 2017 Business Meeting Minutes Sheila Bryant

Tuesday June 20, 2017, 7:30am. Arizona Time, CC 122A

Sponsored by the American Physical Society (APS)

1. Introductions and Welcome – Elizabeth Brown, PAM Chair
  - Special Thank You to APS for their sponsorship
2. Secretary report – Sheila Bryant
  - Documents approved by the PAM Executive Board since last year's business meeting include:
    - 2016 June 3 Board meeting with minutes - approved by the Executive board via email on 7/29/2016
    - 2016 June 13 Business Meeting Minutes – approved by Executive

board via email on 7/29/2016

- 2016 Executive Board decisions and communication topics from June to December – approved by the Executive board via email on
  - 2017 Executive Board decisions and communication topics from January to May – approved by the Executive board via email on
    - Read highlights from the PAM Board meeting on June 9, 2017.
3. Treasurer's report – Margaret Lam
    - PAM has \$54,643.35 in total assets as June 1, 2017
  4. Past-Chair report – Debra Kolah (could not attend, report given by Elizabeth Brown)
    - Debra is in the process of updating the practices manual.
  5. Chair-Elect report – Laura Palumbo
    - Thanked volunteers who assisted her with the conference programming.
    - Conference planners are looking for feedback on the *Main Street Kiosks* and the *4 Learning Tracks* for programming. If you have any questions or suggestions please reach out to Beth, Laura, or Jeff.
      - Will send out a survey – any and all feedback about the conference is welcome, including new ideas.
      - The division will submit proposals to conference planners in September.
  6. Chair Report – Elizabeth Brown
    - PAM will have to decide on using Option 1 or Option 2 for conference sponsorship.
      - The annual financial report is due in December
      - 71 PAM attendees registered for the conference.
      - There were 1500 conference attendees in Phoenix.

A special “shout out” was given to John Kromer who was awarded a SLA Rising Star and to Sara Thompson who was named a SLA Fellow.

## 7. PAM Award presentations – Brian Quigley

- Thank you to the award committee members, Marsha Bishop, Sharice Collins, and Carol Hutchins and to everyone who provided suggestions, names, and projects.
- 2017 PAM Division Award: Archives - The award was presented to David Reddy and the Cornell University Library Archive team. David dedicated the award to the 210 member archive libraries.
- 2017 PAM Achievement Award: Jeff Bond, PAM member extraordinaire, who has served in wide variety of PAM roles over the years. Including but not limited to serving as the chair of both the PAM division and the PAM Task Force.

## 8. 2017 Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipends Awards, Sponsored by IOP Publishing – Kayleigh Bohemier

- Thank you to IOP Publishing for their continued support of librarians at the SLA conference and their commitment to the professional development of new science librarians.
- Thank you to the other selection committee members: Sharice Collins, Khue Duong, and Elizabeth Brown.
- Travel Stipend Awardees are:
  - Jason Harvey – Physics, Optics, Astronomy & Laser Energetics Outreach librarian at University of Rochester Libraries.
  - Nicole Helregel – Research Librarian for Science Teaching & Learning at the University of California – Irvine Libraries.

## 9. General Announcements

Ruth Kneale – will continue as PAM board liaison until the end of the year, many decisions still have to be made. Please let her know if you have any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Remember to drink your water and wear sunscreen.

Jeff Bond – The *Future of PAM Task Force* Final Report is available on the PAM website. He also

thanked the task force committee for a job well done.

Donna Thompson – gave a short report on the LISA VIII (Library & Information Services in Astronomy) conference that took place in Strasbourg, France, June 6-9. There were four members of PAM on the organizing committee and 11 PAM members attended the conference. Donna will write something for the PAM Bulletin.

Two PAM members who are retiring:

Jane Holmquist from Princeton and David Marshall from SIAM

The Heard Library Tour is different from the Heard Museum tour, the librarian will meet you in front of the museum for the library tour.

John Kromer – 2016 PAM Achievement award was presented to Donna Thompson for her excellent work in PAM, she wasn't able to attend last year's conference.

University of Arkansas will be hiring an Engineering librarian soon – see Kathleen Lehman with any questions.

Jeffra Bussmann – mentioned that AAAS was one of our sponsors and thanked them for their support. She reminded everyone that PAM will meet for an impromptu dinner after the last session.

Feedback forms should be given to Kayleigh Bohemier, she will send the feedback URL to PAMNET.

Ruth Kneale – ADS will be pulling the plug on the classic version on January 1, 2018, so start using the new beta version. Ruth is serving on the ADS advisory board and says the beta version “rocks”.

Jeff Bond – A Special Thank you to Kathleen Lehman, this will be her last PAM meeting.

Elizabeth – Special thanks to the board, and Jeff and Ruth.

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 am Arizona time.

Respectfully submitted

Sheila Bryant (PAM Secretary)

# Treasurer's Report

## Margaret Lam

**June 1, 2016 to June 1, 2017**

	6/1/2016	12/31/2016	6/1/2017
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash & Bank Accounts			
PAM Division	\$29,363.43	\$11,709.61	\$21,156.67
SLA Pooled Fund	\$29,770.28	\$32,199.32	\$33,486.68
TOTAL Cash & Bank Accounts	\$59,133.71	\$43,908.93	\$54,643.35
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$59,133.71</b>	<b>\$43,908.93</b>	<b>\$54,643.35</b>

	Received	Pending	Total
<b>INFLOWS</b>			
Dues Allotment -10/17/2016	\$1,556.16		\$1,556.16
Sponsorships			
2016 Sponsorships	\$6,600.00		\$6,600.00
2017 Sponsorships	\$4,400.00	\$14,700.00	\$19,100.00
<b>TOTAL INFLOWS</b>	<b>\$12,556.16</b>	<b>\$14,700.00</b>	<b>\$27,256.16</b>

	Paid	Pending	Total
<b>OUTFLOWS</b>			
SLA 2016 - Award/Thank You Certificate Supplies	\$79.22		\$79.22
SLA 2016 - Conference Travel Expenses	\$792.80		\$792.80
SLA 2016 - Louise Leckner Memorial Travel Stipends	\$3,000.00		\$3,000.00
Quicken 2016 Software	\$59.55		\$59.55
SLA 2016 - IOPP PAM Suite	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
SLA 2016 - Conference Invoice from HQ - 10/17/16	\$13,155.00		\$13,155.00
SLA 2016 - Conference Sessions Expenses	\$1,305.58		\$1,305.58
SLA 2017 - Conference Travel Expenses - As of 6/1/2017	\$375.00		\$375.00
<b>TOTAL OUTFLOWS</b>	<b>\$20,267.15</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$20,267.15</b>

# **Committee Appointments**

## **Elizabeth Brown**

The following PAM Committee Appointments are for the conference year (7/1/2017 – 6/30/2018). Later in 2017 and early 2018, we will have the calendar year PAM appointments. The final committee list will be posted on the PAM website at <http://pam.sla.org/manual/staff/current/>.

Thank you to these members for your service to PAM and SLA!

### **Awards Committee**

Chair: Marsha Bishop

Members: Mea Warren, Sharice Collins, Jeff Bond

### **Fundraising Committee**

Chair: Jeffra Bussmann

Co-Chair: Margaret Lam

### **Hospitality Committee**

Chair: Matt Wascavage

Members: Kelly Durkin, Katie Harding

### **International Relations**

Chair: Joy Painter

Members: Anne Simoneau, Mangala Krishnamurthy

### **Professional Development**

Chair: Kayleigh Bohemier

Members: Mangala Krishnamurthy, Heidi Tebbe

### **Mentoring Committee**

Co-Chairs: Khue Duong, Jennifer Hart

Members: Zari Kamarei, Emily Poworoznek

### **Public Relations Committee**

Chair: Donna Thompson

Member: Katie Harding

### **Social Media Committee**

Chair: Nicole Helregel

On behalf of PAM, I would also like to thank those members serving in conference year appointments for 2016-2017:

### **Awards Committee**

Chair: Brian Quigley

Members: Marsha Bishop, Sharice Collins, Carol Hutchins

### **Fundraising Committee**

Chair: Mangala Krishnamurthy

Co-Chair: Jeffra Bussmann

### **Hospitality Committee**

Chair: Kelly Durkin

Co-Chair: Ruth Kneale

Member: Melanie Faithful

### **International Relations Committee**

Chair: Joy Painter,

Members: Mangala Krishnamurthy, Anne Simoneau

### **Professional Development Committee**

Chair: Kayleigh Ayn Bohemier

Members: Heidi Tebbe, Donna Thompson

### **Professional Development Mentoring Subcommittee**

Co-Chairs: Khue Duong, Jenny Hart

Member: Emily Poworoznek, Zari Kamerei

### **Public Relations Committee**

Chair: Mea Warren

Member: Katie Harding

Best of luck to all members in their new roles!

# 2017 PAM Division Awards Brian Quigley

## 2017 PAM Achievement Award

The PAM Achievement Award is reserved for those recipients whose professional work is marked by distinction and dedication to librarianship in astronomy, mathematics, and/or physics and who have made outstanding contributions to the Division. The Awards Committee is pleased to present this year's award to Jeff Bond.

Jeff joined PAM in December 2006 and has been an active member ever since he got involved in his first PAM committee, the Publisher Relations Committee, in 2008. Jeff was not only very engaged but also very interested in learning the details of publisher interactions from other committee members. While Jeff was an active and involved member of the Publisher Relations Committee for three years, he did not let himself become complacent, and he volunteered to organize and moderate the PAM-Wide Roundtable in 2011. Jeff needed more challenges, so he became chair of the PAM Nominations and Elections Committee in 2012. In 2013, he tackled editing the Practices Manual, and in 2014-2015, he co-chaired the Programming Task Force "with the goal of better understanding the professional and educational programming needs of physics, astronomy, and mathematics librarians" through a survey of the membership.

Looking for ever-greater challenges and committed to supporting the Division, Jeff agreed to run for Chair-Elect of the PAM Division. While serving as the 2015 PAM Chair, Jeff guided the Division through a tumultuous time, and he did it

professionally and calmly, encouraging input from and providing feedback to PAM Division members. His leadership of the Division and Programming Task Force helped the Division to reflect on the challenges it faced and resulted in the Executive Board appointing the Future of PAM Task Force with Jeff as its able chair. SLA has also taken note of Jeff's leadership abilities, and his service to the association continues as he serves on the 2018 SLA Annual Conference Advisory Council.

In spite of this level of activity for the PAM Division, Jeff continues to serve his users at Texas Christian University in unique and non-traditional ways. He initiated and administered an IM and text messaging reference service early in his career and designed and developed undergraduate and graduate library instruction programs in the sciences for TCU. He currently serves seven academic departments as library liaison and leads the library's scholarly communication and open-access initiatives. He won the TCU Library's Staff Excellence Award in 2010 and was a finalist for TCU's Chancellor's Staff Award for Outstanding Service in 2014.

In addition to all of the energy Jeff invests in supporting the PAM Division and advancing his university's library, he still makes time for his publisher relations roots as he recently completed a term as a member of a publisher's Library Advisory Board. We have heard, in at least one case, that Jeff's contributions have been "meaningful and productive and have led to changes in strategy where library relations are concerned."

Jeff has achieved much during his time with the PAM Division and every bit as much while serving his clientele. Would we all have the energy and ambition Jeff has displayed in his push to make his career outstanding in all ways! Congratulations to Jeff!

## 2017 PAM Division Award

The Awards Committee is pleased to present the 2017 PAM Division Award to arXiv, and in particular the arXiv team at the Cornell University Library, in recognition of its work sustaining and expanding the promise of this essential multidisciplinary repository started by Paul Ginsparg some 25 years ago.

The PAM Division Award is given for a significant contribution to the literature of physics, mathematics, or astronomy or to honor work that demonstrably improves the exchange of information in physics, mathematics, or astronomy. Past recipients include Paul Ginsparg, who received the PAM Division Award in 1998 “as the original creator of the Los Alamos National Laboratories electronic preprint server which introduced several novel and innovative approaches to scholarly publishing.”

As arXiv reached its 25th anniversary milestone last year, the Awards Committee received suggestions from a few PAM members that arXiv be considered for the award. The committee agreed that the arXiv team was fully deserving of the Division Award for their important accomplishments that have improved the exchange of information in one or more of the PAM disciplines, including

- Engaging a diverse array of supporters to develop a sustainable business model - this successful model relies on funding from Cornell University Library (CUL), the Simons Foundation, and a global collective of institutional members to support and sustain arXiv
- Sustaining continued growth of the arXiv, exceeding 113,000 submissions for 2016; the repository now provides access to over 1.2M articles
- Remaining responsive to demand in expanding subject categories available within

the main areas of Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, Quantitative Biology, Quantitative Finance, and Statistics

- Conducting a user survey in 2016 to gather feedback from their global community of users to help guide future development; a survey, by the way, that was taken by 36,000 respondents
- Embarking on planning and securing funding to develop the next-generation arXiv, an initiative to improve the repository’s architecture and infrastructure so it can continue to meet the needs of the scholarly community

In addition to all of these accomplishments, through its success, arXiv has inspired the creation of similar repositories in other disciplines such as biology and chemistry. Congratulations to arXiv!



## Physics Roundtable

**Sara Thompson & Therese  
Triumph**

Approximately 45 individuals attended the Physics, Astronomy & Math Division Physics Roundtable, co-  
led by Therese Triumph of UNC-CH and Sara  
Thompson of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. Panelists  
were Bruce Bayly, Math Professor at University of  
Arizona who runs the “Physics Factory Bus” that vis-  
its schools and libraries to teach kids math concepts;  
John Grievenkamp, Physics Professor at University  
of Arizona, who has written several electronic guide-  
books for SPIE, the Optical Society, and who along  
with SPIE Rep Eric Pepper discussed ways to make  
ebook creation (e.g., of class notes) easier, and Cher-  
yl Cuillier, Librarian at University of Arizona, who  
spoke about open education resources (OER) and  
textbook alternatives.” The panel was a nice blend of  
scholarly and applied approaches. If it had been ear-  
lier in the week, attendance would likely have been  
higher (it was on the last morning).



Left to right: Co-Chair Sara Thompson, Prof. John  
Grievenkamp, SPIE's Eric Pepper, Prof. and Librari-  
an Cheryl Cuillier, Co-Chair Therese Triumph, and  
Prof. Bruce Bayly

## Astronomy Roundtable

**Joy Painter & Lauren  
Amundsen**

This year the astronomy roundtable in Phoenix was  
broken into two parts. Our theme for both parts was  
the changing roles of astronomy librarians. On  
Sunday we heard presentations from Donna  
Thompson and Kayleigh Bohemier. Donna began our  
Sunday session by discussing some survey results  
around our changing roles. Kayleigh then talked  
about BibTeX and related instruction.

On Tuesday we had tabletop exercises around 6  
themes: ebooks, journal cancellations, collaborative  
opportunities, new services, archives and branches/  
consolidated collections. People attending the session  
chose a topic of interest to them. Each table/group  
discussed the topic, and there was a time at the end  
for each table to report out and for discussion as a  
larger group.

We'd like to thank the sponsors for the roundtable  
this year: OSA and SPIE.



## **Math Roundtable**

### **Kris Fowler & Jenny Hart**

Following up on their SLA 2016 poster of preliminary findings, Anya Bartelmann, Jeffra Bussmann, and Lauren Gala presented their research, "MathSciNet: A Look across the Platforms." They have investigated the differences in features, functionality, and results on AMS's new MathSciNet platform (released in January 2017) and the MathSciNet instance now available within EBSCO's discovery system. Some functionality is significantly different, notably the Author Identification information, which is only available in the native interface. The presentation focused primarily on cases in which results from equivalent searches were not "closely matching," choosing a 2% difference threshold. Most search results sets were found to be closely matching. Reasons for significant differences include the following:

- The AMS platform searches singular/plural word forms by default, whereas EBSCO doesn't.
- Data in the title fields sometimes differ; for example, only AMS includes the English translated title as well as the original language title, and EBSCO searches chapter titles rather than book titles.
- Data in the author fields sometimes differ, such as EBSCO including institutional affiliation in an author search; a dramatic example was given of the difference this can make: a search for "Poincare" as an author returns thousands of results in EBSCO for articles written by researchers at the institutes of that name.

These are just highlights of the presentation; look for a more complete discussion of their comparison in a future publication.

In the general discussion that followed, the main topic arising was Brian Quigley's question about the newly expanded subscription options for MSP journals; it was clarified that libraries can continue to subscribe directly through MSP or subscribe separately through Project Euclid.

## **Publisher Relations Sessions**

### **Michael Chesnes & Lauren Gala**

In 2016, PAM's traditional Vendor Update and Networking Breakfast, with a few panelists describing improvements to the products and services they represented over the course of a 90-minute session, was replaced by a lightning talk format with many more presenters.

For 2017 Lauren Gala and I were interested in preserving aspects of the lightning talk format that Margaret Lam developed the year before. However, the direct continuation of this format was not possible due to new SLA guidelines on the number of speakers allowed for each length of session and the range of themes to be discussed during sessions.

We decided instead to replace the Vendor Update session with a new pair of 60-minute Publisher Relations sessions that would complement each other. The first session would present two society publisher

representatives on a panel discussing publisher relations with librarians, and the second session would present two librarians on a panel discussing librarian relations with publishers.

These new sessions fit the 2017 Conference's Leadership Stream and fit SLA's Core Competency of Information and Knowledge Resources. They were presented back to back during the 2017 SLA Conference on the morning of Monday, June 19 with [generous sponsorship from SIAM](#).

### **Publisher Relations with Librarians (Part 1 of 2)**

Publisher representatives from a mathematics and a physics society will speak about (1) mutually beneficial relationships with librarians, (2) bi-directional communications about collections and services, and (3) the latest project developments and new offerings.

Edward Dunne (American Mathematical Society)

Matt Wascavage (American Physical Society)

Comments (Dunne)

Librarians share our mission in helping to make the vast literature available to readers.

1. In each of the last nine years, Mathematical Reviews added over 100,000 new items to the database behind MathSciNet. In 2016, we added 125,000 items to the database.

2. The mathematics literature has grown exponentially at a rate of 3.5% per year over the last 30 years.
3. By 2036, the current model indicates that we should be adding >250,000 items per year.
4. Cooperation between libraries and MathSciNet allows direct access to full texts.

Librarians value curated information, such as what we produce. For us, this is very important.

1. Librarians understand the value of authority.
2. PAMnet discussions about the value of professional tools, such as MathSciNet.

Ex: Discussion in November 2016 by Aaron Lercher (LSU), Clayton Hayes (Wayne State)

1. Librarians know that ORCID is not a silver bullet for disambiguation.

Some Plans for MathSciNet in 2017

Released January 2017:

- Alternative sorting: Newest, oldest, citations, journal
- Facets in search results: Item type, Institutions, Authors, Primary Classification, Journal, Year
- Search within results: Anything you want

Some Plans for 2017

Still to come:

- Autosuggest for Journal Names
- Autosuggest for Author Names
- Email alerts

Future plans

Improved journal pages

We have updated the underlying software that MathSciNet runs on. As a result, we can more easily query the database:

- Where do the authors in a journal come from?
- What are the most common subject areas occurring in a particular journal?
- What authors publish in this journal?

### **Librarian Relations with Publishers (Part 2 of 2)**

Two librarians speak about (1) mutually beneficial relationships with publishers, (2) bi-directional communications about collections and services, and (3) publisher advisory board experiences.

Zari Kamarei (University of Rochester Libraries)

Thurston Miller (University of Notre Dame Libraries)

Comments (Miller)

Topics:

- How to reduce exposure to subscription agent failures.
- Coming up with an open access stance that doesn't cripple the publisher
- International aspect of publishing
- Dealing with plagiarism by authors
- Adding value to the journal platform
- Handling data associated with journal articles
- Factors to consider when starting a new journal

Best Practices:

- Collections & Services (for publishers)
- Don't be pushy, let's share
- It helps to have stability in organization in order to build a relationship
- Advisory Boards
- Listen / Talk
- Be willing to learn about other sides of an issue so others can learn about your side
- You are representing a particular type of library
- Advance notice of discussion topics

PAM history of encouraging dialog

- Early 1990s: AMS, AIP, ACM, AAS
- Role of liaisons acknowledged in 1993 Division Annual Report
- 1996 IEEE, INSPEC, SIAM, Springer and list continued to grow in 2000s

The emphasis of these sessions was on building healthy professional relations between publishers and librarians, rather than offering negotiating advice. For that reason we chose publishers with advisory boards where PAM members have served and PAM members as librarian speakers who had experience working directly with publishers or on a publisher advisory board.

Several representatives from SIAM and sponsors of other PAM sessions were in attendance, and in addition to contributing to discussion as audience members were able to make brief announcements.

### **Publisher Relations with Librarians (Part 1 of 2)**

Patricia Hartner, Institutional Sales and Consortia Licensing, SIAM

Adam Chesler Director, Global Sales, AIP Publishing

Edward Dunne, Executive Editor, Mathematical Reviews, American Mathematical Society

Steve Moss, Chief Operating Officer, IOP Publishing

Daphne Greenwood, Senior Director of Sales and Marketing, The Optical Society

### **Librarian Relations with Publishers (Part 2 of 2)**

Bruce Bailey, Book Marketing Associate, SIAM

Ryan Rexroth, Senior Institutional Licensing Manager, AAAS/Science

Matt Wascavage, Sales Operations Manager, Publisher, American Physical Society

Josh Horowitz, Digital Library & Advertising Sales Director, Association for Computing Machinery (ACM)

Ruth Zhou, Marketing Manager, World Scientific Publishing

Future PAM session moderators will have the opportunity to evolve the Vendor Update / Publisher Relations concept. Some ideas that could make that effort easier include the following:

- Have a designated note taker record the most important points of each speaker's comments, including both prepared comments and Q&A, for future publication in the PAM Bulletin, since even two co-moderators working together will be hard-pressed to take notes in real time.
- Discuss topics you want to address in depth with speakers ahead of time, especially for sessions that are oriented towards soft skills that are subjective and based on personal experience.
- Encourage participants from publishers to bring handouts and/or send supplemental

materials in a digital format.

- Have a firm timetable for how long each part of the session should take place, and clearly communicate it in advance to all participants.

These are good ideas for planning SLA sessions in general but will be particularly useful when scheduling sessions where multiple publishers will be presenting. I look forward to seeing Vendor Update / Publisher Relations sessions, or something along similar lines, at future SLA Conferences.

[Supplemental material from PAM sponsors who delivered comments.](#)

## **PAM Participation at LISA VIII Donna Thompson**

Strasbourg, France, June 6-9, 2017

The eighth LISA (Library and Information Services in Astronomy) was held in Strasbourg, France, in June, and many PAM members were actively involved in the planning of the meeting. PAM members Barbara Kern and Eva Isaksson were co-chairs of the scientific organizing committee, and Nishtha Anilkumar, Jill Lagerstrom and Lance Utley were members of the scientific organizing committee.

The opening session included the handover of the 2014 PAM Division Award to Soizick Lesteven, chair of the local organizing committee. Antonella Gasperini showed pictures of where the award was displayed in a prominent place in the Osservatorio Astrofisico di Arcetri in Florence. Uta Grothkopf and Donna Thompson also participated in the ceremony.

Eleven PAM members attended: Nishtha Anilkumar, Uta Grothkopf, Jane Holmquist, Sharon Hunt, Eva Isaksson, Peggi Kamisato, Katie Frey, Jenny Novacescu, Kathleen Robertson, Anne Simoneau and Donna Thompson. Topics presented by PAM members included the UAT, ESO telescope bibliography, data management in India, MAST DOIs, ORCID, EDP's Scientific Writing Studio, NOAO publications tracking program, tracking PhD theses, and ADS collaborations.

The three days of meetings and various social events were a great success. The networking opportunities were abundant. LONG LIVE LISA!

# Members' Corner

**Anya Bartelmann**

**Bill Jaobs**, formerly science and engineering librarian at University of Miami, is now physical sciences and engineering librarian at San Francisco State University. His new contact information is [wjacobs@sfsu.edu](mailto:wjacobs@sfsu.edu) and (415) 405-3658.

**David Stern** published Stern, David. "Textbook Alternatives: less expensive for students with possibilities for greatly enhanced pedagogy" C&RL News 78 (7): 378-384 (July/August 2017). <http://crln.acrl.org/index.php/crlnews/article/view/16701>

**Flora Grabowska** retiring from Keith B Mather Library

It is with very mixed feelings that I retire from the Keith B. Mather Library at the Geophysical Institute, University of Alaska Fairbanks at the end of June.

January 1983, I joined what was then known as the ISPG library, a Geological Survey of Canada library in Calgary and became its director in 1984, just 2.5 years out of library school. I loved that position but left September 1985 to raise my second infant. Meanwhile I had happily acquired an acquaintance with geology.

March 1995, I left Calgary as an instructor in a library technician program at SAIT to become Science Librarian at Vassar College which included the small but energetic departments of Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics in my liaison areas. Kathleen Robertson introduced me to PAM listserv and I've been hooked ever since! By this time the internet had come along and online journals were hotly debated but I encouraged Vassar to join a consortium to access IDEAL in its early days which subsequently was swallowed up by ScienceDirect. I saw my first demonstration of IDEAL at an SLA

Annual Meeting, Boston 1996? By 2007 I had become a passionate proponent of the Open Access movement and have continued to beat the OA drum. 15 years does seem to be the longest I can stay anywhere and I left Vassar to become the GI librarian in Fairbanks the summer of 2010. Library listservs have certainly helped me out and I've often learned something new from colleagues sharing their ideas there.

The last 7 years seem to have flown by. I have really enjoyed the Alaskan adventure although I wasn't certain that I would but this last winter was difficult going through cancer treatment. Horrendous health care costs made me rethink my notion not to retire for years to come. Lower mainland BC, Canada certainly beckoned but the pull of Scotland which I left in 1974 is too strong so that's where I'm going.

Shrinking budgets and a huge OCLC invoice necessitated dropping OCLC membership in 2017 but the Keith B Mather library will continue to lend our materials to other libraries. Our materials are found in UAF's catalog. Go to [library.uaf.edu](http://library.uaf.edu). Email [uaf-gi-library@alaska.edu](mailto:uaf-gi-library@alaska.edu).

I leave the Keith B Mather library in the very capable hands of Robin Nicholson who has been learning the collection with various very hands-on projects.

Flora Grabowska





**Maria A. Latyszewskyj**, long-time Head of the Environment Canada and Climate Change Library Services at Toronto is retiring as of August 23, 2017, after working almost 37 years for the Canadian federal public service.

Maria had worked in Ottawa from 1980 at the National Research Council of Canada for 10 years where she held positions such as Head, Union List of Scientific Serials in Canadian Libraries, Acting Head of the Uplands Library, Head of Technical Services at the National Aeronautical Establishment, and Cataloguing Librarian at the Division of Building Research.

Before that, she had worked at Ontario Hydro in Pickering and at the ROM Far Eastern Library in Toronto.

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