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ARLIS/NA Liaison to the Special Libraries Association

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I have tried to represent ARLIS/NA at SLA functions and posted information concerning ARLIS/NA to my SLA colleagues. SLA does not have a list serve, but the Arts and Humanities Division of SLA does, I have concentrated my information posting with them.

I was co-chair of the local arrangements committee for the 2010 Leadership Conference held St. Louis, Mo. As such I was able to add information about ARLIS/NA to the display tables.

At the local level, I included information about both organizations in a presentation to the Special Libraries and Information Centers class at the University of Missouri, School of Library Science and Information Technology.

Also, several students interested in Museum Librarianship toured my library and I could point out the benefits of both ARLIS/NA and SLA.

SLA continues to concentrate their membership services on professional development, recruitment and networking. Their professional development seminars and classes are offered free to their members. They provide a special members rate for retirees and the unemployed as well.

They continue to advance their organization globally by established chapters, using global technologies, including information from other countries in their publications and through a special program called “twinning,” which matches an overseas librarian with a chapter in the United States.

Perhaps ARLIS/NA might consider a similar program with the international organizations of Art Librarians.