Annual Report 2012
Academic Library Division

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Leadership Update
2013 Incoming Moderator: Nedda Ahmed
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Overview
The Academic Library Division met at the annual ARLIS/NA conference in Toronto to plan for future conference sessions and workshops and to discuss issues of importance to members. Members used the ALD listserv to facilitate Division communication, as needed, throughout the year.

ARLIS/NA Strategic Plan

Goal I, Objective C - Action Item #2: Establish talking points for the art information professional to communicate their value to their respective institutions and beyond.

See response to Goal iii, Objective A, Action Item #2 (below) for an example of talking points/advocacy. Additionally, ALD members consistently articulate our value through professional development and outreach activities.

Goal III, Objective A - Action Item #2: Design and distribute an outreach resource kit for Divisions and Chapters to help promote ARLIS/NA as they connect with local LIS program events, open houses or job fairs.

Incoming ALD Leadership will develop a pamphlet that describes what academic art librarianship is and what academic art librarians do. This outreach document will be available for use at LIS program events, open houses, job fairs, etc.

Goal V, Objective A - Action Item #1: Review current communication practices to establish guidelines for improvements and explore new technologies to support organizational dialogue.

As mentioned previously, the ALD listserv functions as a sufficient communication tool within the Division. Communication with the ARLIS/NA Division and Section Liaison has been consistent throughout the year.

Issues for the Executive Board
As has been previously communicated through the Division & Section Liaison, a system for conducting division meetings in a virtual format (either within or outside of the annual conference) is something to consider for the future.