

ACRL's rich and stimulating array of programs at the 1998 ALA Annual Conference explored President W. Lee Hisle's theme of values. Bill Gass, keynote speaker at the President's Program, upheld the value of the physical book and decried the emphasis on the new technology noting that "the information highway has no destination" and that "Misinformation Alley" is a better description for the Internet.

Part one of the report of ACRL programs begins on page 569. Part two will be published in the October issue.

Although Gass may not be a fan of the Internet, it is playing a bigger role in our library collections. Tracey DePellegrin took on the task of visiting the ALA Exhibits and shares with us what's hot in new digital products and services on page 577.

Also from the Annual Conference: find out what actions were taken by the ACRL Board of Directors (page 582) and check out the latest "Internet Resources" column (page 591), which was first prepared in support of

the ACRL program on refugees, jointly sponsored by the Asian, African, and Middle Eastern Section (AAMES) and the Women's Studies Section.

This issue also includes reports of two other conferences—Crimea '98 (page 596) and Information Provision: Politics and Strategy (page 604).

ACRL's National Conference Committee is planning an exciting program for April 8–11, 1999. In this issue, Betty Blackman shares with us details about the six speakers from higher education and librarianship who have accepted invitations to speak to us and help us focus on critical issues and challenges librarians face as the new millennium approaches (page 597).

"The Way I See It" column has been expanded to include multiple opinions on topics of interest. Check out page 601 and find out how three librarians see their jobs changing in five years.

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