



Annual Report to SAA Council, 2002

The STHC Roundtable provides a forum for archivists with similar interests or holdings in science, technology and health care, presenting opportunities to exchange information, solve problems, and share successes. 2002 was quite a productive year for the Roundtable. At the SAA 2002 Annual Meeting in Birmingham, STHC elected three new Steering Committee members (Stephen Novak, Rose Roberto, and John Zwicky) and a new Co-Chair (Jean Marie Deken).

Soon after joining the Steering Committee, Rose Roberto undertook and completed a total redesign of the STHC web site, incorporating a new banner logo and menu bar, a series of science and technology-related graphics and quotes, and unifying the site graphically with wallpaper on all pages that is a subtly-colored version of the SAA logo. The URL for the redesigned site is <http://www.archivists.org/saagroups/sthc/index.html>.

The roundtable's newsletter, *Archival Elements*, was available chiefly online via the SAA website, but was distributed in hardcopy to members who requested that format. Editors Ewa Basinska and Tanya Zanish-Belcher included information about the annual meeting, announcements and news from roundtable members, information about STHC, and articles by Joe Anderson ("The International Union of History and Philosophy of Science is Working to Preserve the Records of Modern Science"), Janice Goldblum ("Whenever Called Upon: The Archival and Records Programs at the National Academies"), and Deborah Day (Danger at Sea: Documentation of Oceanographic Expeditions).

Our listserv, STHC-L, administered by Russell Johnson at UCLA, turned 6 years old in August 2002. STHC-L provides a forum for archivists working at institutions in the natural, physical, and social sciences, technology, and the health sciences. It includes announcements, inquiries, and discussion on access to historical sources and their use and interpretation. The relatively quiet list delivers a message on average every second or third day to 197 subscribers. It has been particularly useful for spreading the word about new appointments, job openings, exhibitions, collections and services; and serving as a forum in which to identify and discuss issues and develop programs for the SAA annual meeting.

The STHC annual business meeting in Birmingham welcomed new members, several of whom introduced themselves and their repositories and/or projects. The program was "History of Medicine and Science Projects on the Web: Untangling Complex Strands to Make Primary Resources Accessible", consisting of presentations by Joan Echtenkamp Klein from the University of Virginia Health Sciences Library on the Philip S. Hench Walter Reed Yellow Fever Collection Digitization Project, and Gregory A. Pike and Jennifer Sullivan, of History Associates, describing the National Library of Medicine's Profiles in Science.

STHC sponsored or co-sponsored seven program proposals for the SAA 2003 meeting in Los Angeles, five of which were accepted as sessions for the meeting. The STHC Roundtable

meeting program will feature a panel discussion of archival repositories' compliance with the HIPAA Privacy Rule. Archivists from 4 academic medical centers will discuss new policies and procedures developed in response to the Privacy Rule. Roundtable members will then have the opportunity to comment on their own repositories' experiences with HIPAA compliance.

The resolution that the Roundtable passed in 2001, supporting the International Union of History of Philosophy of Science's (IUHPS) proposal on "Preserving the Records of Modern Science" --encouraging the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) to promote the preservation of papers of scientists and records of science programs - is having some effect. The resolution was approved by SAA Council in 2002, and SAA President Steve Henson wrote a letter to the IUHPS Secretary General endorsing the proposal on behalf of SAA. The resolution will be on the IUHPS action agenda, to be discussed at a meeting in April 2003.

Plans for 2002-2003 include working on local outreach efforts for the 2003 meeting in Los Angeles and professional outreach and collaboration with related professional organizations (such as ALHHS—Archivists and Librarians in the History of the Health Sciences).

The STHC Roundtable's 2002-2003 Steering Committee members are:

- R. Joseph Anderson (American Institute of Physics)
- Ewa Basinska (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), *Newsletter Editor*
- Jean M. Deken (Stanford Linear Accelerator Center), *Co-chair*
- Janice F. Goldblum (National Academy of Sciences)
- Russell A. Johnson (UCLA)
- Joan Echtenkamp Klein (University of Virginia, Charlottesville)
- Jodi Koste (Virginia Commonwealth University)
- Dan Lewis (Huntington Library)
- Lisa Mix (UCSF), *Co-Chair*
- Stephen E. Novak (Columbia University)
- Rose Roberto (JPL Library Archives and Records Section), *web liaison*
- Kalpana Shankar (UCLA)
- Yvonne Wilson (National Archives and Records Administration)
- John Zwicky (American Academy of Pediatrics; American Society for Clinical Pathology)

Respectfully submitted,

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