



Annual Report 2006 ARLIS/NA Listserv Moderator

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Membership

ARLIS-L serves as the primary means of communication for members of the Society as well as others interested in art librarianship and other art-related topics. Postings routinely include official Society announcements; reference and cataloging questions and discussion specific to art resources and materials; job vacancy announcements; conference, workshop, and meeting information; announcements of awards, honors, and prizes; news items from groups and individuals in the Society; new publications and Web sites; copyright and information policy issues; and more. The listserv is open to anyone who wishes to subscribe; membership in ARLIS/NA is not a requirement.

There are currently 1,803 subscribers from 30 countries. The largest membership comes from the United States with 1,592 subscribers, followed by Canada with 95 subscribers, United Kingdom (23), Australia (22), Netherlands (13), New Zealand (12), Belgium (5), Israel and Japan (4 each), and 1-3 subscribers each from Argentina, Austria, China, Croatia, Cuba, Federated States of Micronesia, France, Germany, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Taiwan, and Turkey.

The digest form of the listserv is received by 197 subscribers. The total number of messages posted to the list in 2006 was 1,680.

Updates in 2006

The major development in 2006 for ARLIS-L was the change to a fully-moderated status for the listserv. Beginning in August 2006, all subscriber accounts were set to "review" so that all messages came to the moderator for approval before posting to the list. This change was requested by the Executive Board specifically to catch any job ads coming directly to the listserv before going through the JobNet service. Off-topic and improperly formatted messages were also stopped before posting, so there is an additional benefit. The major drawback is that all traffic on the list stops if the moderator needs to be away from her desk at a meeting for several hours.

Requests for assistance from the moderator consisted of help with subscribing, unsubscribing, changing e-mail addresses in the database, interpreting error messages, and determining the proper format for digest messages (traditional, MIME, or HTML) depending

on an individual's e-mail system. ARLIS-L is still hosted at the University of Kentucky Computing Center. Bob Crovo and Kerri Scannell at the University of Kentucky remain as list "owners" and continued to provide excellent support for any technical questions or system issues that arose during the year.