

Adventist librarians convene for annual conference

This year's theme was "Partnering through Mentoring, Leadership and Research"

The 29th Annual Conference of the Association of Seventh-day Adventist Librarians (ASDAL) was held at Andrews University from June 20–25, 2009. Attendees represented libraries in Canada, the Philippines, South Africa, Jamaica, Mexico and Nigeria. A highlight of the conference was the approval of Adventist Resources2.0, a comprehensive one-stop Internet clearinghouse for resources about Seventh-day Adventists. The conference was coordinated by Josip Mocnik from Southern Adventist University, conference chair and president-elect of ASDAL, and Cynthia Mae Helms, onsite conference coordinator at Andrews University.

Adventist Resources2.0 will provide full-text access to resources about Seventh-day Adventist beliefs, history, practices and lifestyle along with resources for nurturing spirituality and church growth. It will aid in the training and development of church pastors, leaders and laity around the world by providing access to a range of practical and scholarly works in the areas of theological and pastoral education.

Larry Hardesty, founding director of the College Library Directors' Mentor Program, was the keynote speaker. Hardesty served as the president of the Association of College and Research Libraries and received the ACRL Academic Research Librarian of the Year Award. His keynote, "Pass It On: Mentoring via the College Library Directors' Mentoring Program," overviewed the mentoring program. Now in its 18th year, the program has matched mentors and mentees from 43 states.

First-time attendee Nicola Palmer from Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica,



presented her paper, "The Role of the Christian Librarian in Postmodern Academia." Other international presenters were Yvette Sparrow from Helderberg College, South Africa, and Uloma Doris Onuoha from Babcock University, Nigeria, who presented a paper written by herself and Yacob Haliso on the mentoring practices in selected university libraries in Nigeria.

Carlene Drake of Loma Linda University spoke about determining the worth of libraries; Terry Robertson and Lauren Matacio, both from Andrews University, presented their study on the correlation between library anxiety and information literacy; Warren Johns of Loma Linda University talked about finding free online Adventist books; Felipe Tan of Andrews University shared his mentoring experience at the James White Library; Steve Sowder of Andrews University demonstrated using Google Analytics to find

the demographics of a website; and Genevieve Cottrell, Stanley Cottrell and Marge Seifert, all from Southern Adventist University, discussed the concept of team leadership as applied at Southern's McKee Library.

The conference provided various venues of learning and sharing through pre-conferences, presentations, breakout sessions, poster sessions, book displays and a chance to visit with local authors and see their works.

ASDAL continues to contribute to the Adventist Church through the "Adventists and Ellen White Classification Scheme" (based on the Library of Congress Classification Scheme), the Seventh-day Adventist Periodical Index and the Obituary Index. ASDAL also facilitates discounted database subscriptions for Adventist institutions domestically and internationally through the ALICE Consortium (Adventist Library Information Cooperative).



Physics Enterprises

On August 20, 2009, Physics Enterprises shipped nearly \$20,000 of product, their biggest one-time shipment within the last year. Over the summer, several hundred hours of student labor were required to meet the deadline.

Physics Enterprises is an auxiliary entity of Andrews University that designs and manufactures teaching equipment for demonstrations and lab experiments suitable for science classes. The nature of the enterprise is unique in that it combines business, academics and invention. The products are invented/designed in-house and manufactured mainly by students who have the opportunity to learn engineering and business skills. Products are sold domestically as well as internationally. Net revenues are donated to the University and support various projects and scholarships.