

ASM On-Line is Coming (and May Already Be Here!)

The ASM On-Line Team has been working to define our strategy for getting the Association on-line. After evaluating several options, the team concluded that having our own presence on the Internet is the best approach. Even if you don't have a direct connection to the Internet through a business or personal account, you can get to the Internet now through all of the major on-line services like CompuServe, America OnLine and Prodigy.

Our strategy is to start with a World Wide Web page and e-mail for International ASM and build from there. We'll include basic Association information to start and hope to provide a low cost option for individual chapters to set up their own subsidiary pages tied to the International ASM page. We'll add other features and links to other sites that you'll find useful as we can. We'll definitely want your feedback on the features that you want most.

The ASM home page should be available by the time you read this, but the address wasn't available at press time. We will be communicating the address through the leadership mailings and through a group of representatives from each chapter called the Chapter Internet Advocates. These volunteers will assist members in their area with their understanding and use of the Internet and on-line services, including our own Internet site.

In fact, some of our chapters have already established local sites on the Internet. We will be putting links in the ASM International site to local chapter sites, so please let us know if you have a site already. Sites available now include:

Calgary Chapter - <http://www.freenet.calgary.ab.ca/populati/communit/asmcal/asmcal.html>

Conestoga College Student Chapter - <http://www.sentex.net/~mdtanca/asm.html>

Connecticut Chapter - <http://www.atlantic.com/asm/>

Idaho Intermountain Chapter - <http://www.micron.net/~asm>

Iowa State University Student Chapter - http://www.public.iastate.edu/~isu_mis/homepage.html

Send comments, new sites, or requests for the ASM International home page address to team leader Martha Butler at martha.butler@llbean.com

Information Systems Associations Gather to Discuss Potential Alliance

In early July, DPMA hosted the initial meeting of nine of the 10 professional associations that are interested in forming an Alliance to develop and enhance common services for their members.

Associations that participated in the meeting included the Association for Systems Management (ASM), Association for Women in Computing (AWC), Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA), Data Administration Management Association (DAMA), Data Processing Management Association (DPMA), Institute for Certification of Computing Professionals (ICCP), Information Systems Consultants Association (ISCA), Microcomputer Managers Association (MMA) and Association for Corporate Computing Technical Professionals (NaSPA).

The Alliance representatives had a preliminary discussion on the following items;

- To provide reciprocal member rates for educational offerings at the chapter, region and Association levels
- To investigate how state and federal legislative activities related to informa-

tion technology can be effectively monitored and disseminated

- To explore conducting certification review courses for Alliance members
- To assess the merit of a project defining and maintaining a Body of Knowledge for the information technology industry
- To develop and maintain a qualified speakers' directory for use by member Associations
- To further evaluate the potential of shared administrative and program services (i.e., maintaining membership records, creating educational and professional development opportunities, producing and distributing publications, etc.)
- To consider the creation of an Alliance Association trade show with educational and professional development programs

The group agreed that it would attempt to solicit other associations that may want to participate. The group's next meeting was scheduled for October 1995.

Division 15 Holds Kick-Off Meeting

Milwaukee, WI - Division 15 held its annual meeting on June 24th. Participating chapters in "Kick-off '95" were Chicago O'Hare, Milwaukee, and special guest Western Michigan. The meeting was held at the Airport Holiday Inn, Milwaukee.

The "Kick-off" was an opportunity for division and chapter officers to meet, strategize, and plan for the upcoming year. Topics included past year highlights from Chicago and Milwaukee chapters, current membership/financial status, training session organization, alternative meeting formats, ASM On-line, and a presentation from ASM International. Of special interest was a discussion of the highly successful Computer Symposium sponsored by the Western Michigan chapter.

At the conclusion of the day, the participants felt that the sessions were informative and worthwhile. A tentative date was also set for "Kick-off '96." Participants included John Batisto, James Borta, Steve Marx, Wayne Shouquist, Curtis Siegel, Mike Wehman (Chicago O'Hare); Gary Harnack, Gail Kaufmann, Todd Michalek, Diana Parker, Kelly Paterson, Al Placeway, Jerry Schulz, Lee Stalter (Milwaukee); Phillip Benson (Western Michigan); Jerry Fredrich (ASM International).

ASM Remembers...

Frank Hoffman, 88, the second International President of the Association for Systems Management serving 1948-49, who passed away May 10, 1995 at home in Santa Rosa, CA. He was the recipient of one of the first Distinguished Service Awards, ASM's most prestigious award, presented in 1967.

Richard L. Irwin, 70, who passed away July 20, 1995 at his home in Berea, Ohio. As Executive Director, he led the Association for Systems Management from 1962 to 1987 and served as a consultant after retiring. Mr. Irwin, a member of the Al Koran Temple, in 1991 became illustrious potentate of Al Koran. He was in his eighth year as a member of the board of governors of the Shriners Hospital, Cincinnati Burn Institute.

Both of these leaders were instrumental in the formation of our Association and will be missed by many. We extend our sincere sympathies to their families.