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Politically important luncheons, Super Sessions, Pamela Wallin and more

The Super Conference planning committee unveils innovative Super Saturday







elegates are telling us that they can see that this year's Super Conference program has been more carefully developed to reflect the needs and skill levels of our very sophisticated work force. Much remark has been made about how many speakers have expanded their audience's knowledge and yet still made the content understandable to the less skilled.

Experiments with the structure of Super Conference are most evident today in what programmers have dubbed Super Saturday. Today's program is an extraordinary amalgam of political advocacy, life and sparkle, provocative discussion and cutting edge learning. The appearance of both Ministers responsible for Ontario's libraries, the afternoon Super Sessions, the Association's awards to recognize superlative achievement among library peers, and the hallmark appearance of a wide range of notable personalities profile the Association's activities, interests and leading philosophy.

Here then is the climax to Super Conference '99 for you to savour.

Today's Changes

Room Number Missing in Program:

■ Session #1004 Filtering Software takes place in the CP Halton Room

Room Number Changes:

■ Session #1103 moved to MTCC 206

Session Changes:

- Session 1015 is cancelled.
- Session #1002 is a new session (see description below)
- Session #1104 (expanded interactive version of former Session #1002).

 Replaces the originally scheduled Kathryn Deiss who is ill and cannot travel (see Super News, Thursday)

New Sessions:

- Session #1002. New OCULA session.

 What's New in Online Reference
 Service. Rita Vine, Integrated
 Management Resources. Real time
 reference services on the internet.
 This session to be held in
 CALEDON Rm Crowne Plaza Hotel
- OCULA Super Session #1104 is an expanded version of former session #1002 (as described in the program) generously offered by speaker Brenda Dervin, Professor of Communications, Ohio State University.

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Jamie McKenzie lives!

In addition to the major afternoon session with Jamie McKenzie, mentioned in yesterday's Super News 1999, Jamie will be presenting two other informative sessions in the morning.

Bombast, blather, bunk and babble

If students always skate along the surface, will they ever learn to think for themselves? Will they settle for sound bites, the mind bytes, the eye candy and the mind candy which is offered-up by the media like sticks of chewing gum? These are just some the questions being addressed in Session #908, The Age of Glib.

McKenzie provides examples of modern rant, bombast, blather, poppycock, humbug, malarkey, bunk, and babble. He then shows how we can equip students with the tools and the spirit to look deeply at Life and its essential questions, probing beyond the information packages aimed their way.

With any luck, students will develop a healthy skepticism about the information (and noise) streaming past them.

Easy as falling out of bed

Jamie then takes aim at The New Plagiarism in session #1019.

Cut and paste technologies make it all too easy to "lift" the words and thoughts of others without giving them credit and without attributing the source. (As a benign example, this part of the write-up on Jamie's session has been lifted from the Super Conference program).

Many schools are finding electronic text a decidedly mixed blessing as new information technologies make intellectual dishonesty as easy as falling out of bed.

Between Web-based report mills and vast databases of articles and information, the school report which emphasizes information gathering, is proving obsolete.

As access to electronic text becomes universal, we are likely to see plagiarism take on new forms. Unless schools and teachers make major changes in the way they formulate research projects, we are apt to see intellectual dishonesty expand and multiply like an academic plague.

Session 908, MTCC Room 104D, 8:45 am Session 1019, MTCC Room 206C, 10:30 am Super Session 1103, MTCC Room 206B, 2 pm

Bagel Effect is non-fattening! Super Pamela over the top!

dieting. Paul Hoffert calls the Bagel Effect the movement of power and control from the centre of systems (big governments, big business etc.) to the edges, that is, into the hands of citizens, customers and ordinary people in all areas of society.

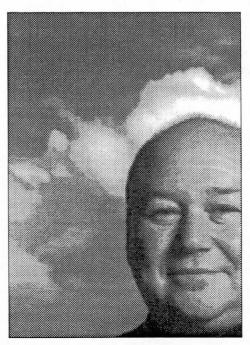
Hoffert will explain how the Bagel Effect introduces clear trends and predictable outcomes at the Saturday Super Session: A compass to navigate our wired world, at 2:00 p.m. in MTCC room 104D.

As a child prodigy, Paul Hoffert mastered classical and jazz piano, and recorded his first album at the age of sixteen. In 1969, he co-founded Lighthouse, a rock band with a horn section that earned nine gold and platinum recordings.

Not your typical rock musician, Paul was trained as a mathematician and physicist, and is now a scientist, researcher, university professor, writer, composer, musician and Director of CulTech Collaborative Research Centre at York University. Paul is also Executive Director of Intercom Ontario, a totally wired, interactive community (the first such community anywhere in the world), and is Past Chair of the Ontario Arts Council.

The Bagel Effect affects all areas of our lives and is important to all of us who plan for the future.

Session 1102, MTCC Room 104D, 2 pm



Pamela Wallin is bringing a world of experience to our plenary session this morning.

Since you asked

Pamela Wallin's new book, Since you asked, delivers both controversial and heart-warming stories to the attention of Canadians who appreciate her forthrightness and her ability to retrieve the truth from the overload of available information.

The career of the Saskatchewan broadcaster and journalist has spanned more than 20 years and several continents.

With a Certificate d'Etudes Français from the College of Bandol, France, and a honours degree from the University of Regina (1974) in psychology and political science, she began her career as a social worker at the Prince Albert Penitentiary in Saskatchewan.

An offer to host an open line program for CBC Radio the next year was the beginning of a multi-media career. After working both on-air and behind the scenes as a producer of local radio morning shows in Regina and Ottawa, she moved on to work with the highly acclaimed Patrick Watson/Laurier Lapierre hour.

A Canadian first

In 1985, Wallin became the first woman in Canadian network television history to be appointed Ottawa Bureau Chief when CTV named her to this position. From 1992 to 1995, she co-anchored CBC's Prime TIme News.

Wallin now hosts and produces her own programs, Pamela Wallin, and Pamela Wallin & Company, co-productions of Newsworld and Wallin's Current Affairs Group Limited.

Her program, Pamela Wallin Live, is the best venue in this country for thoughtprovoking, exploratory conversation.

Pamela Wallin received the 1997 Outstanding Achievement Award at the 10th annual awards gala for Women in Film and Television in Toronto. In the Fall of 1974 she received the most precious recognition of her career when the residents of her hometown of Wadena, Saskatchewan renamed the main street, Pamela Wallin Drive.

Session 900, CP Ballroom

Divisions give their Appreciation Awards

A big round of applause for the

1999 Super Guide Volunteers

he Awards luncheons today will see the Association's most major awards given to a variety of individuals and institutions.

Unsung heroes do the work

The divisions this week at their annual meetings acknowledged the contributions of their peers in seeing the work of the individual associations through. Literally hundreds of individuals each year work on OLA programs. These are the ones that are acknowledged to have given their all:

OLITA Sonia Lewis
Doris Rankin
OPLA Linda Linton
Lori Sims
Cynthia Mearns
OSLA Reg Deneau

Maralee Waller

Congratulations to them all.

SUPER CONFERENCE Lost and Found

FOUND: (1) pair of eye glasses. Please come to the OLA office in Rm 205A to claim them.

FOUND: One set of keys. If you are missing them, please come an claim them at the OLA office 205A

LOST: One gold hoop earring. If you found this item please contact Marilyn Millar at: 905/294-6345

LOST in EXPO area, (1) lens from eyeglasses. If found please contact Marilyn Papierz 416/253-5739.

LOST: (1) Black Berret at the coat check. Please return to G. Smith, St. Catharines P.L. 905/688-6103

Janet Blue your portfolio has been turned in to the OLA office Room 205A

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Others

Jackie Howard and anyone else who we may have been missed in the printing of this list (sorry if we did) - we appreciated all your help!



Special thanks to Maureen Barry of the Burlington Public Library for the excellent organization of all the volunteers -Great Job Maureen!

Autographing schedule

Peter Sís Paul Hoffert Andrée Lacelle Luncheon (autographing after his speech) 1102 (autographing after his session) 1106 (autographing after her session)

Thank y ou to all of the authors who gave so generously of their time. Their participation was an important addition to our program.

Check Out Missed Sessions on the Web

These OLA Super Conference sessions are now available on the Internet:

OLITA session #106 with Gwen Harris,

http://www.contend.fis.utoronto.ca/ce/websearching OLITA session #406 with Tim Tripp,

http://www.inforamp.net/~ttripp/ola

OLITA/OCULA session #405, Early Canadiana online, http://www.canadiana.org

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A big thank-you goes out to Jack Cain of A-G Canada from OCULA. Jack graciously shared his laptop with the presenters of the OCULA workshop: Librarians as internet publishers, which ran simultaneously with Jack's presentation on Thursday.

OCULA officials swooped into Jack's session and moved his laptop to the the OCULA session for use in their presentation. The laptop was returned when the session was completed. Thanks again Jack.

Janet Kaufman, OCULA Program.

Our thanks to Carole Moore, Lynne Howarth, Warren Holder, Gayle Garlock and their wonderful colleagues for the great event last night!

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