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Thank you to Steve Sowder, Systems Librarian here at the James White Library, for all of his hard work in making this new feature possible.

ADVENTIST LIBRARIANS MEET IN SOUTH AMERICA

Submitted by: *Kath Claten*
Director, James White Library

Last June 26-30, it was my privilege to attend the first-ever meeting of Adventist librarians on the South American continent. We met on the campus of Universidad Adventista del Plata (River Plate University) in Argentina. Organized by ASDAL (Association of SDA Librarians) as its 22nd annual conference, the five-day event attracted approximately 40 librarians from a dozen countries around the world.

For me, a special highlight of the conference was meeting librarians from eight SAIL member institutions, including of course the host university in Argentina. Hernan Hammerly and

his staff did a fantastic job in organizing the conference events including tours and transportation. It was a real pleasure to meet librarians from other SAIL institutions:

Walter Meza represented our school in Bolivia, Universidad Adventista de Bolivia.

Eliethe Xavier Albuquerque came from Instituto Adventista de Ensino, Sao Paulo Campus.

Ralph Koehler, who is library director at Friedensau, Germany, has attended many ASDAL conferences.

Adan Suriano, from Universidad de Montemorelos, has also attended many conferences.

Jaime Vilcazán Quispe, whom I met several years ago, came from Universidad Peruana Union.

Annette Melgosa, from AIIAS in the Philippines, was the outgoing president of ASDAL.

Deborah Hector came from Helderberg College, South Africa.

It is hard to place a value on a meeting such as we had in Argentina. The papers presented were excellent as they focused on the conference theme of “Shaping Adventist Librarianship for the 21st Century.” But I think the opportunity of meeting and mingling with library colleagues from other Adventist institutions provided a joy and inspiration that could not be measured. For some of the conference delegates, it was their first opportunity to meet Adventist librarians from outside their own schools.

One of the exciting results of the Argentina conference was the forming of a South American Chapter of ASDAL. The elected leaders of this new chapter are Sergio Becerra (General Coordinator) and Nise Gutiérrez, Secretary.

EUROPEAN LIBRARIANS TO MEET AT FRIEDENSAU

Submitted by: *K eth Claten*
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Ralph Koehler, who directs the library at Theologische Hochschule Friedensau (Friedensau University) in Germany, is inviting librarians from all over the world to come to Friedensau next July for an ASDAL Europe Conference. The exact dates will be July 29 to August 3, 2003. Ralph has been successful in getting the support of two European Divisions – the Euro-Africa Division (EUD) and the Trans-European Division (TED) – so that library personnel from all institutions within those parts of Europe can be given encouragement to attend. The conference is planned to include guest speakers, workshop sessions, and tours to local libraries.

Also, the International Federation of Library Associations (IFLA) will be meeting in Berlin from August 1-9, following the ASDAL Europe conference. An IFLA conference typically attracts about 5,000 librarians from all over the world, and since Berlin is just a short distance from Friedensau, this may be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Adventist librarians to take in an ASDAL conference and IFLA with one air ticket. For more information about the ASDAL Europe conference, contact Ralph Koehler – his email address is Ralph.Koehler@ThH-Friedensau.de and his mailing address is: Theologische Hochschule Friedensau, An der Ihle 5, D-39291 Friedensau, Germany. Information will also be available on the ASDAL web site: www.asdal.org.

UPDATES TO CONTACT NAMES AND EMAIL ADDRESS NEEDED.

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