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I hope you are all as excited as I am about upcoming events in 2021! As SLA President Tara Murray wrote in her Presidential Update:

Registration will open later this month for our 2021 Annual Conference, which will take place August 4-13. I hope you're making plans to attend and especially to block off August 11-13 on your calendar, as those days will feature the opening and closing keynotes as well as several interactive sessions that will allow you to engage with the presenters.

The DBIO community, led by Ruth Gustafson, Chair of our program planning committee, has created some very exciting proposals for educational sessions, and I hope some of you have had a chance to see (and comment on) the proposals submitted by other
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communities. We also have some social events planned for Annual Conference, including a game of COVID Bingo after a brief business meeting. And be sure to look out for the always popular Natural History Caucus field trip, which will be a virtual watch party this year.

We are also hoping to hold some activities during the year, both social and educational, including some events co-sponsored with other organizations and communities. Let us know if you have any ideas, and make sure you are subscribed to the DBIO Connect list so you can stay informed!

Respectfully submitted,

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Member News
Roxanne Bogucka

On February 10, 2021, a team of science librarians (Roxanne Bogucka, Univ. of Texas-Austin; Khue Duong, California State Univ.-Long Beach; Jessica Martinez, Univ. of Idaho; Kelee Pacion, Princeton Univ.; Melanie Radik, Univ. of Massachusetts-Amherst) presented "Journals, journals everywhere, but we should stop and think," at the 2021 (virtual) meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. This active-learning workshop used case studies in small group discussions to examine our choices as content creators and the value we assign to journals according to their various attributes and our own career situations, as well as a collaborative exercise to envision the future of scientific publishing that we would like to see.

Lori Bronars accepted an invitation to join the 2022 SLA Annual Conference Advisory Council as a member.
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