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Dr. Trudi Bellardo Hahn Named NCLIS Executive Director ***National Commission Hires Interim Director to Manage Agency***

Washington, DC USA, May 9, 2005—The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) today announced that Dr. Trudi Bellardo Hahn has been named Executive Director for the Commission.



Dr. Hahn, who has served as the Commission's Interim Executive Director since November, was named to the position on April 30. Prior to coming to the Commission, Dr. Hahn was Manager of Library User Education Services and Adjunct Professor at the College of Information Studies at the University of Maryland, with prior positions as training specialist with the Maryland State Department of Education, Director of Professional Development for the Special Libraries Association, Associate Professor at Catholic University, and Assistant Professor and Data Services Librarian at the University of Kentucky.

Dr. Hahn received a Ph.D. in Information Systems from Drexel University, and an M.S.L.S. and a B.A. in Linguistics from the University of Kentucky. Well known and respected in the library and information services profession, Dr. Hahn has served as a faculty member in three graduate LIS programs, designing and delivering courses in information storage and retrieval, indexing and abstracting, reference services, online information retrieval, information use, user instruction, organization of print and electronic documents, research methods, and libraries in the social process. As an educator, Dr. Hahn's dedication to the highest standards in teaching was recognized in 2002 when she was named a Fellow of the University of Maryland Academy for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

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As the 2003 President of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST), Dr. Hahn provided leadership in several important accomplishments for the society. She spearheaded an ASIST membership survey, initiated a complete redesign of the ASIST Web site, led progress on an ASIST digital library, initiated a review of all membership categories and dues structure, and implemented many changes in annual conference format and special events. She also established good relationships with a wide variety of other professional associations, agencies, and organizations, relationships she expects to continue and expand upon in her role as Executive Director for NCLIS.

As an author, Dr. Hahn has received much acclaim for the numerous books, articles, and conference papers she has authored. Her latest book, written with Charles Bourne, is *A History of Online Information Services, 1963-1976*, about which one reviewer commented, "Whatever the verdict for the history of online information systems, the Charles Bourne and Trudi Bellardo Hahn book will retain its landmark status." The book was named the ASIST Best Information Science Book of 2003.

Dr. Beth Fitzsimmons, the Commission's Chairman, spoke highly of Dr. Hahn's wide experience in the library and information science profession. "Dr. Hahn is highly qualified to manage NCLIS at this time. With her great contacts in the field, Dr. Hahn will be able to lead the Commission into any number of strategic partnerships and collaborative relationships, and help the Commission in its efforts to achieve its goals. We are all very pleased to have her as the Commission's Executive Director."

About NCLIS

The U.S. National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) is a permanent, independent agency of the Federal government charged by Public Law 91-345 to advise the President and Congress on national and international library and information policies, to appraise and assess the adequacies and deficiencies of library and information resources and services, and to develop overall plans for meeting national library and information needs.

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