

From the President-Elect

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Greetings to each of you. As your President-Elect, I am happy to be serving you and taking on responsibilities in this wonderful organization. I cannot imagine having done my job over the last ten years without the expertise and encouragement I have drawn from this professional association and its members, and I look forward to "giving back" to you.

In our profession we are in some ways "riding the wave of technology," having to duck and roll with the changes that occur so rapidly. However, I think that we need to respond positively and pro-actively to ensure that we are not merely adjusting, but also determining just how the technology can best be utilized. This means taking a critical look at what we do and why we do it, considering the benefits as related to the investment of time, energy and cost.

This past summer at the IALL '99 Conference at the University of Maryland, many attendees completed a "snapshot survey" which asked them to reflect on what they are doing in their jobs and what is important to them. I have examined the results of that little survey and summarized them below. I think you will find it interesting.

Until we meet again, I encourage you to keep all of your long-term objectives in mind, and to contact other IALL members anytime you need advice or support. You can find each other and learn much about our organization at our web site <http://www.iall.net>.

Take care!◆

