1. GETTING READY FOR 1986

Well, the first meeting got rained out; the one on March 29 nearly got rained and snowed out; but a heartfelt "thanks" to those hardy souls who came to the 1986 ARLIS National Conference Committee meeting at F.I.T. on March 29. Arno Kastner, who chaired the meeting, outlined broad areas of responsibility, and some preliminary planning and discussion got underway. Janis Ekdahl, Ted Goodman, and Richard Martin volunteered to work on the Convocation; Daniel Starr and Elizabeth Davis will work on the Local Guidebook; Barbara Jones will organize the Hospitality Suite. They will all need lots of help with these assignments, and there are still many other areas to be covered. So, for those of you who were unable to come on March 29, and for those who want to participate in the conference planning, we have scheduled another meeting on THURSDAY, APRIL 12 for 6:15 p.m., at the Fashion Institute of Technology Library, Room E-509. We will all pray for sunshine!

If you can't make the meeting, but want to help out, you can contact Arno at (212) 598-3749 or Lorraine at (212) 760-7590 (after 3 p.m.). Don't worry -- as the conference draws closer, there'll be plenty of work for everybody!

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F.I.T. LIBRARY, ROOM E-509

2. ARCHIVE ACQUISITIONS AND AWARDS

If it's Spring, ARLIS/New York Chapter members must be out visiting the galleries, shopping bags in hand. The annual Archives Acquisitions Committee has gotten underway, under the chairmanship of Steven Kowalk (Hunter College Art Dept. Slide Library, 212-570-5316). Solicitation letters were mailed to about 400 galleries and museums in the five boroughs, and now members of the committee will start visiting in person. Steven still has room for volunteers, so if you'd like to get out to the galleries, give him a call.

Once the material is in, the difficult and enjoyable process of jurying begins. The Awards Committee this year will once again be chaired by Sonja Bay (Guggenheim Museum Library, 212-860-1338) and several volunteers.

SPECIAL NOTE TO MEMBERS OF BOTH COMMITTEES: F.I.T. LIBRARY will be on a reduced schedule from April 16 through April 24, because of Spring break:

- Monday, April 16 - Thursday, April 19: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 20 - Sunday, April 22: CLOSED
- Monday, April 23 - Tuesday, April 24: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please take this into account if planning to telephone or to drop by with material for the Archive. Also please note that the telephone system at the F.I.T. Library has been changed. You can phone Lorraine Weberg after 3:00 p.m. by calling the Reference Dept. directly: (212) 760-7590.