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Dear Colleague,

As you may already know, astronomy librarians worldwide are planning a meeting on "Library and Information Services in Astronomy (LISA)", which probably will be held at the European Southern Observatory (ESO) in Garching near Munich in May 1995. It is a follow-up meeting of the LISA I conference, held in 1988 in Washington, D.C. (IAU Colloquium 110). We hope that also LISA II will be approved as an IAU Colloquium.

The aims of LISA II are twofold: First, it will provide the opportunity for librarians of astronomical observatories and institutes to meet to discuss common problems and ways of stimulating greater cooperation between libraries and their services. Secondly, it will throw light on the changing role of librarians, especially regarding new technologies and free-of-charge databases.

The conference will be organized in a service-oriented, practical 'hands-on' style, including lectures from invited speakers as well as workshops and demonstrations of systems. It is planned as a 3-day meeting, with 1.5 days reserved for practical experience and 1.5 days for lectures.

In order to find out the interests and wishes of colleagues that might be attending the conference, we would be very thankful if you could find a few spare minutes to fill in the enclosed questionnaire. Thus, you would help the organizers of the conference very much in planning according to the needs of the attendees. Please mail or fax your response to the following address:

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Thank you very much in advance for your help!
We hope to meet you at LISA II !

Best regards,

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LISA II Pre-Conference Questionnaire

(Library and Information Services in Astronomy II)

Please return to: ESO Library, Karl-Schwarzschild-Str. 2,
85748 Garching near Munich, Germany
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1. Please give your name and position and your institute's address:

2. How many items does your library own approximately?

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| Monographs: | Bound journal volumes: |
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3. How many persons work continuously in the library (librarians, assistants, full-time or part-time):

4. Must the library staff fulfil also other tasks, e.g. secretarial work?

5. Is your library equipped with telephone () and/or fax () ?

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| Your telephone no.: | Fax no.: |
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6. If no fax is available in your library, can you use a fax somewhere else in the institute?

Your institute's fax no.:

7. Do you participate in a Local Area Network (LAN) with libraries close to you (e.g. on the same university campus)?

8. Does your library () or institute () have access to the Internet or another telecommunications network?

If available, please give your e-mail address:

9. Have you heard of () or do you use () information retrieval tools on the Internet, e.g

WAIS () Gopher () Mosaic () other:

How frequently do you use them?

10. Do you have access to and do you use astronomical databases, e.g. SIMBAD, NED ?

How frequently do you use them?

11. Do you have access to and do you use commercial databases?

If yes, which?

How frequently do you use them?

12. Do you feel that a closer collaboration between international astronomy librarians is desirable?

13. Would you like to attend the LISA II conference?

14. Do you expect your institute to support you financially if you attend LISA II?

15. If not, would you try to attend anyway?

Again, thank you very much for your help in planning LISA II !