Colleagues:

The IDS Project's 6th Annual Conference will take place Tuesday, August 4, and Wednesday, August 5, at the SUNY Oswego campus on beautiful Lake Ontario.

This is going to be an incredible conference! We expect over 150 people, including staff from our 40 IDS libraries and from 6 to 8 libraries joining IDS within the next few months. We also will have guests from several other libraries and regional consortia interested in learning more about IDS or in exploring resource sharing enhancement strategies.

Also in attendance will be vendors and organizations supporting the IDS Project, including the NY3Rs, Nylink, SUNY's Office of Library & Information Services (OLIS), Atlas Systems and OCLC.

NOTE: We have tried to fit into this conference many important topics that will have a direct bearing on the resource sharing operations of our libraries beginning September 2009. To do so, we have to start the conference early both mornings. It is our strong recommendation that you arrive in Oswego by Monday evening so you can participate in the full conference program that begins promptly at 9:30 Tuesday morning. Monday evening, beginning around 8:00 pm, there will be a "Welcome Back!" informal get together with drinks and snacks at Camp IDS in Johnson Hall.

CONFERENCE AGENDA:

Attached is a draft conference agenda. Keep in mind that the conference program committee may be shuffling time slots and adding activities right up to August 4.

This year's agenda is packed with information about exciting new resource sharing capabilities developed by teams of talented staff from many IDS Project libraries. Learn about IDS's new unmediated article request system (ALIAS) integrated with ILLiad. You'll see a demonstration and offer recommendations on a prototype for a new IDS Search Engine. You'll test drive the new Getting It System Toolkit (GIST) that integrates important features from a library's ILL and Acquisitions workflows using ILLiad. There will be training sessions offered by Atlas Systems and assisted by the IDS Project's mentors. And YES, Genie Powell and Stephanie Spires, from Atlas Systems, will once again be participating throughout the conference and joining the popular ILL staff-only (translation: no directors) "straight talk" session.

In addition, this will be the first conference where we are offering a separate program track for administrators of individual libraries and library organizations.

Some Questions We Will Consider:
- How can we as administrators work together in new ways to meet the very important resource sharing needs of New York's students, faculty and community residents while facing a major reduction in our library budgets?
- What substantial changes within our own libraries should we explore?
- How will a new model (GIST) for combining critical elements of technical, ILL and acquisitions impact staff and budget?
- How can IDS support the adoption of best practices within each individual library?   New role for our mentor teams?
- What does it mean for IDS to be working closely with several commercial vendors?

Two sessions of this administrative track will focus on completing a needs analysis and developing a strategic plan to guide the next few years of the IDS Project. A skilled outside facilitator will lead us through this important process of imagining and planning for IDS's future.

COST:

For every conference there are four main costs: registration, transportation, accommodations, and food/drink. The program planning committee is very sensitive to the poor economic conditions surrounding NY State and our libraries. In addition since we actively encourage teams from each library including the director, ILL librarians and support staff to attend, we have worked hard to keep the total conference cost very low. $130 will pay for the registration, 2 nights residence hall accommodation, and all meals, snacks and drinks. The amazing IDS T-Shirts ($12) and Tuesday's pre-BBQ cash bar are optional extra costs.

We tremendously appreciate the vendor and library system partners whose generosity has made this conference possible.

A very special thank-you to the NY3Rs, SUNY's Office of Library & Information Services (OLIS), Atlas Systems and OCLC for partially underwriting this summer's IDS Project Conference.

Many of us will again be staying in Johnson Hall. This recently built, air conditioned, lakeside residence hall offers nice single rooms at a very low price. It is located close to the Conference Center on campus. Several of the rooms have windows offering a beautiful view of Lake Ontario (reserve early).

For for those of you who want to stay in a hotel, there are two located right at Oswego Harbor:

> • Best Western Captain's Quarters (315-342-4040, $129/Night for Single; $141/Night for Double)

> • Econo Lodge Riverfront Hotel (315-343-1600, $70/Night for Single or Double)

You must make your own hotel reservations and be sure to indicate that you are a participant in the IDS Project Conference and bring a tax exempt form, if applicable.

TRANSPORTATION:

Your only other cost is transportation.

Many of you will be driving to the conference. We want to assist those of you who would like to carpool. We will be listing the name, college, and email address of each person as soon as they sign up for the conference on the IDS website http://idsproject.org/conferences/2009/ViewCarPooling.aspx . We'll also ask each person to indicate whether they are interested in sharing a ride to and from the conference.

We also have arranged for free shuttle transportation to and from the SUNY Oswego campus and the Syracuse airport, railway and bus station. Please indicate on your registration form that you would like to use the free shuttle and a member of SUNY Oswego's Penfield Library local conference arrangements committee will be in touch with you.

PARKING:

FREE and in close proximity to the Campus Center and Johnson Hall.

HOW TO REGISTER:

Go the following url: http://idsproject.org/conferences/2009/index.aspx

Just answer all the questions and hit the submit button. You should receive a confirmation email. Please register for the conference and your lodging as soon as possible. This will help us a great deal in planning all the conference logistics.

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We look forward to seeing you in Oswego at this summer's IDS Conference!!

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