GODORT Newsletter
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GODORT Summer Workshop
Friday, July 20, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Hardin Library for the Health Sciences
University of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

The Annual GODORT Summer Workshop will be held on July 20. Building on last year’s theme of Sustainability, the year’s theme will be Health-related information.

Schedule
10-10:30 a.m. Refreshments, registration, and meet and greet.
10:30-11:15. Liz Cox, Healthiest State Initiative. Liz will talk about the Healthiest State Initiative program.


12-12:30. Catered lunch.

12:30-1:00. GODORT Business Meeting.

1-2 p.m. Gary Krob, State Data Center of Iowa. Gary will talk about recent updates to the State Data Center’s web site as well as a selection of health information available at the state level.
2-3 p.m. Chris Childs, Hardin Library for the Health Sciences, University of Iowa Libraries will discuss and demonstrate a variety consumer-health information sources that librarians may find helpful when working with library users.

Morning coffee and desserts, and a delicious lunch will be provided by a local caterer.

Registration fees

- $10 for GODORT members and SLIS students
- $15 for ILA members
- $20 for non-members

Mail registrations to:

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**Stat Ab’ Is Back!**

...but not as a depository item. Two private publishers will fill the research void left by the Census Bureau’s 2011 decision to stop publication of Statistical Abstract of the United States. With the publication of the 2013 edition, Stat Abstract will continue its uninterrupted series that began in 1878.

ProQuest will make available a digital version as a stand-alone service or as an integrated component of ProQuest Statistical Insight. ProQuest will co-publish a print version with Bernan Press. The cost has not yet been announced, but I don’t expect that a big price hike should be expected over the GPO Bookstore cost.

This enormously important and useful resource has been on nearly every library reference shelf for decades and it is reassuring to know that it will continue to be around for decades in the future.

Marianne Mason
U.S. Federal Information Librarian
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UN Comtrade

I recently received this information from the United Nations Statistics Division. They have a new, free, product to help people understand the role of trade between countries. If you’re ever curious where agricultural products, industrial products, or other raw materials come from, this might be the source for you. I have included the UN message here:

UN Monthly Comtrade is a new application (beta version) of the United Nations Statistics Division which provides detailed monthly merchandise trade data by commodity (6-digit of HS) and partner country.

You are welcome to test the current beta version. Your comments are deeply appreciated. Please send your feedback to comtrade@un.org

Registration is required (available for free). For access, please go to http://comtrade.un.org/monthly/

Please remember that the beta version is a work in progress.

If you’d rather see a non-beta product, try the current UN Comtrade site: http://comtrade.un.org/db/

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