



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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NCSU Librarian Eleanor M. Smith Wins 2003 USAIN Conference Scholarship

NC State librarian Eleanor M. Smith recently won the 2003 U.S. Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) Conference Scholarship. She will receive \$500 to help defray the costs of attending the USAIN Conference, which takes place from April 25 to 28, 2003, in Champaign, Illinois.

The USAIN Award Committee requested that people interested in the 2003 scholarship submit an original essay about agricultural information. **Smith's essay, entitled "Agricultural Information for the New Millennium: New Crops, Biotechnology, and Saving the Past,"** was judged to be "excellent" by the committee. Smith will be recognized during an awards banquet on April 27.

The key message of Smith's essay appears in its first few lines: **"Agriculture today must feed a growing population in a world of static or shrink-**

ing natural resources and increasing social and environmental constraints. Agricultural information professionals similarly must support agriculture by managing and improving access to a proliferating and increasingly complex array of information resources, also in a climate of shrinking resources and expanding constraints."

Working as part of the Research and Information Services Department, Smith is one of the NCSU Libraries' reference librarians for agriculture and life sciences. She has a Ph.D. in nutritional biochemistry from Cornell University and a library science degree (M.S.L.S.) from UNC-Chapel Hill.

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