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Besides business meetings for committee members I attended a few workshops and group discussion sessions sponsored by ISI, IEEE, RLG, SPARC, etc.

IEEE reported that the top three largest numbers of patent registered in US are from IBM, Canon, and NEC. The number of patents registered from Japan is very impressive. In the last decade, total patents increased 76%. According to their study, 25% of patents registered by MIT were based on IEEE papers published in "Solid State Circuit", "Electron Device" and "Proceedings of IEEE". The cost of IEEE journals averages to \$600 per 100 pages while Elsevier journal's cost is \$1200 per 100 pages.

In the panel discussion session sponsored by SPARC, our former director, Joe Branin, was one of the speakers. Other two speakers are Helen Doyer, Science Foundation Development Officer and Henry Hagedorn, Insect Biologist of Univ. of Arizona and editor of "Journal of Insect Science", an electronic-only publication available free on line. The topic is Open Access. Joe mentioned "Stony Brook experience". He reported that when he just arrived SB, one science faculty told him that he did not like the former director because "he cut our journals". The tight budget led to merging science branches, another bitter battle between Joe and science faculty. Recent Cornell faculty senate supported the cancellation of Elsevier journal package deal was also reported. He offered the following advice that he obtained from Ohio Link experience:

- Be a smart consumer: know and share knowledge, build coalitions and support within academic units, use "power of purse", use consortia to increase buying power.
- Invest in new business/service models, such as: Ohio Link and Bio-medical Center. Those organizations united some 80 academic units and created institute repository of informal publication including theses, dissertations, research reports, database and teaching materials, and list of faculty expertise and texts of their formal publications. The annual budget was only a quarter of one million.
- Invite scholastic societies, university press to participate with library on new forms of publishing.

Conclusion: bring scholarly publishing back into circle of academia.

On the lighter side, San Diego in January is, of course, warm in 60's. We did enjoy the nice weather. Somehow quite a few librarians from Northeast regions I met there felt it was not as warm as they expected and did not dress enough when waiting outdoors for transportation.