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As Raymond Santiago suggested, we all look forward to the day when we will not have to meet to discuss and strategize about diversity in the workplace. Until that time, we must not only keep this topic on the table, but keep it at the center of the table. Until that time, we hope that

you'll save the date for the 5th National Diversity Conference, to take place in 2006 in Washington. The conference website, www.librarydiversity.org, will be updated in early 2006 with information about the next National Diversity in Libraries Conference.

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The Research and Statistics Committee of the Reference Services Section of RUSA is sponsoring its Twelfth Reference Research Forum, "New Reference Research," at the 2006 American Library Association Annual Conference, location TBA.

This is an opportunity to present and discuss your research project conducted in the broad area of reference services such as user behavior, electronic services, reference effectiveness, and organizational structure and personnel. Both completed research and research in progress will be considered. All researchers, including reference practitioners from all types of libraries, library school faculty and students, and other interested individuals, are encouraged to submit a proposal.

The Committee uses a "blind" review process to select a maximum of three (3) projects for 25 minute presentations, followed by open discussion. The selected researchers are required to present their papers in person at the forum. Criteria for selection are:

- Significance of the study for improving the quality of reference service
- Quality and creativity of the methodology
- Potential for research to fill a gap in reference knowledge or to build on previous studies
- Previously published research or research accepted for publication by December 1, 2005 will not be accepted.

Please submit a one-page proposal by **Friday, December 9, 2005**. Notification of acceptance will be made by Monday, March 13, 2006. The submission must consist of no more than two pages. On the first page, please list your name(s), title(s), institutional affiliation, and address (including your mail address, fax number and email address).

The second page should NOT show your name or any personal information. Instead, it must include:

- The title of your project
- An explicit statement of the research problem
- A description of the research methodology used

Please send submissions to:

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