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Vice President's Column: MAC Meetings and Symposia Update

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See other articles in this Newsletter for information regarding the 2012 Annual Meeting and Fall Symposium.

**Indianapolis, Indiana, April 17–20, 2013**
This past February, Indianapolis became the center of the football universe during Super Bowl XLVI, but the city will have plenty of other cultural amenities to offer when MAC visits for its Annual Meeting in 2013, including the NCAA Hall of Champions, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Indiana State Museum, and the Indianapolis Children’s Museum. The Meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency in downtown Indianapolis, and the Local Arrangements Committee is currently making site visits to identify possible tours and reception locations, while the Program Committee is exploring possible conference themes. Keep tuned for more information in upcoming columns.

**Green Bay, Wisconsin, September 25–27, 2013**
The 2013 Fall Symposium will be centered on refining the digital presence of archives. Taking a user-centered perspective, the Symposium will help increase the functionality of archives’ Web sites and other digital offerings by examining Internet-based applications and services that can be utilized in an archival setting. The Symposium will be created for attendees with traditional, but underdeveloped Web sites, mobile applications, and other Internet-based presences. Hotel negotiations are also underway, and a reception site is being explored.

**Future Meetings**
One of the keys to MAC’s success is the willingness of its members to step forward with innovative meeting ideas. Please check out the meeting planning portion of the MAC Web site with ideas for a symposium topic or annual meeting location. MAC meeting planning manuals contain templates for meeting proposals and numerous tips on planning a successful effort. Please contact mark.shelstad@utsa.edu with ideas or questions about MAC meetings.