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CNI-COPYRIGHT@CNI.ORG: A Copyright & Intellectual Property Forum

The Copyright Network Forum sponsored by the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI) provides another source of copyright information as well as the possibility of expert answers to your questions. CNI is a joint project of the Association of Research Libraries (ARL), CAUSE (The association for managing and using information technology in higher education), and EDUCOM. Its purpose is to "promote the creation of and access to information resources in networked environments in order to enrich scholarship and to enhance intellectual productivity."

CNI's Copyright Network Forum is for those who wish to ask, answer, and discuss copyright questions. Lawyers, directors of law or other libraries, professors of law, directors of instructional technology, and a college radio station staff person were among the contributors to the forum during the Fall of 1992.

One joins by sending a message to the Coalition's server, LISTSERV@CNI.ORG, asking to SUBSCRIBE CNI-COPYRIGHT YOURNAME. (Omit the subject line.) Contributions to the forum are sent to CNI-COPYRIGHT@CNI.ORG.

Other server commands are:
INFORMATION CNI-COPYRIGHT - forum issues.
HELP, GET LISTSERV REFCARD, or LISTS - system info.
GET CNI-COPYRIGHT 92AUG1 (also 92AUG2, 92SEP, 92OCT) - the archives.
UNSUBSCRIBE CNI-COPYRIGHT - quit the list.
GET CNI-INFO CNIMEMBERS - member organizations.

The Coalition also maintains anonymous FTP archives at ftp.cni.org. Login as anonymous, and send your e-mail address as a password.

A few recent discussions were long and technical with numerous dialogs. Others provided a brief thought, source, or address. Topics in Fall 1992 included shareware, misuse of copyright, downloading bibliographical information for use in published material, a recent fair use amendment to the copyright act (HR 4412), information from related listservers such as

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GovDoc-L@psuvm.psu.edu, a call for papers on "Protecting Intellectual Property in the Networked Multimedia Environment," use of home videos for educational rein-' forcement and for broadcast on a school network, finding copyright holders of music when the company is out of business, advice on using the U.S. Copyright Office and the Library of Congress for searches, and the opinion that AIME (the Association for Informational Media and Equipment) provides the most restrictive stance on copyright.

A new list, CNI-ANNOUNCE @CNI.ORG, has been established by the Coalition secretariat to announce information about Coalition activities to the network community. Extensive dialogs will not be permitted on this list in order to encourage people to join without worrying about lots of e-mail in their mailboxes. To join the list, again send a message to LISTSERV@CNI.ORG, with SUBSCRIBE CNI-ANNOUNCE YOURNAME as the message.

The CNI membership is made up of 170+ organizations, primarily colleges, universities, and libraries plus a few major corporations, especially in the fields of publishing and computers. Each organization appoints two representatives to the Coalition Task Force (preferably the director of libraries and the chief information officer for a campus). Besides CNI-COPYRIGHT, CNI's Working Groups with electronic forums include:
CNI-DIRECTORIES–Directories &
  Information Resource Services
CNI-LEGISLATION–Legislation, Policies,
  Codes, & Practices
CNI-MANAGEMENT–Management &
  Professional & User Education
CNI-MODERNIZATION–Modernization
  of Scholarly Publication
CNI-PUBINFO–Access to Public Information

CNI-TRANSFORMATION–Transformation of Scholarly Communication
SCP–Harvard/CNI Scholarly Communication Project (SCP)
OWNERSHIP–Joint Authorship & Ownership (SCP Forum)
REPOST–Rights in Computer Conferencing (SCP Forum)
DERIV–Derivative & Iterative Works (SCP Forum)
RESOURCES–Control of Critical Resources (SCP Forum)
SITE-LICENSE–Site Licensing (SCP Forum)
INTERNATIONAL–International Access (SCP Forum)
X500-EXCHANGE–CNI/IETF X.500 Service Developer's Exchange

To retrieve the information files describing these forums send the command, INFORMATION <LISTNAME>, directly to the LISTSERV@CNI.ORG. Append @CNI.ORG to each LISTNAME when contributing to the forum.

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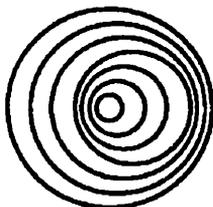 Mary Brandt Jensen, Director,
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This column is a forum for discussion and information on copyright concerns of the profession. While individual questions may be addressed, nothing written here is intended to serve as professional legal advice for a particular situation.

Members of the IALL Copyright Committee are: Irene Starr, Chair, Robert Davis (Smith College), Marta Lipski (Brandeis University), Bob Muttart (Wheaton College), Joan Robinson (Wellesley College Library) and Steven Smolnik (Connecticut College). The Committee urges you to send copies of permission/request correspondence between you and copyright holders, whether given or denied, so that we may report on what is possible and is not possible. Contributions/suggestions/questions for the "Copyright Corner" column may be sent directly to Irene Starr. Mailing address: UMass Foreign Language Resource Center, Herter 19, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003; phone: (413) 545-0950
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