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NERDC’s ongoing commitment to users was demonstrated throughout the year with plenty of learning opportunities. In FY 1998-99, NERDC’s Information Services section continued to expand documentation resources that help smooth the way for users. Broadening their own horizons, NERDC staffers enjoyed participation in local, state, national, and international computing activities.

Documentation


DOCWEB, a Web-oriented documentation delivery system, went online this year. All documentation is now available in a format that’s easy to read and search. It's available at http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu and via AIX by entering docweb at the command prompt.

With the debut of DOCWEB, all documentation had to be revised and updated to fit the new format. Highlights of major revisions and new documentation include D0108 [http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0108/d0108.html], E-Mail Choices at NERDC and UF (new); D0104 [http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0104/d0104.html], Getting Started with MATLAB 5.0 in NERSP (new); and D0105 [http://docweb.cns.ufl.edu/docs/d0105/d0105.html], LPR: Routing Print to the Internet (revised).

Outreach and Training

Gartner Courses Online-We continued to enhance and document the Gartner computer training courses available to UF faculty, staff, and students.

ITSA Day at UF-The Information Technology Security Awareness Day offered a variety of workshops to heighten awareness of the critical need for increased computing security.

NERDC Staffers Participate in User Groups-NERDC staffers met regularly with three user groups: the Administrative Users’ Group (AUG), Instruction and Research (I&R) Users’ Committee, and the Network Advisory Committee (NAC). Users are encouraged to participate in these meetings and make their computing needs known.

Florida Government Technology Conference-UF provided the keynote speaker, President John Lombardi, and NERDC helped sponsor the UF booth displaying campus technology at the Florida Government Technology Conference, held in September 1998, in Tallahassee.

North Central Florida Hurricane Awareness Day-NERDC played a major role in sponsoring this event, which featured emergency-relief agencies from around Alachua County as well as a hurricane plane-a WC-130 out of Keesler Air Force Base, Biloxi, MS. This plane, which survived flying through the eyes of hurricanes, was the catalyst for bringing together Alachua County emergency-relief agencies. The exhibition drew approximately 6,000 people, including about 600 school children. NERDC was joined in sponsoring this event by the University of Florida Air Force ROTC and the City of Gainesville.

The North Central Florida Chapter of AITP, the Association of Information Technology
Professionals, won the AITP Region 7 "Chapter of the Year" award for 1998. Steve Ware, coordinator of computer systems for NERDC, is the current chapter president. AITP Region 7 has about 30 chapters. Chapter 298 won based upon membership growth and retention, chapter educational activities including programs and tours, an informative Web site, an electronic newsletter, and the number of chapter dinners and board meetings.

NERDC Assistant Director David Pokorney participated in InteropNet, a multi-platform demonstration network that showcases how innovations will benefit existing networks. For many years the InteropNet at NetWorld+Interop has served as the premier technology showcase for the networking industry.

NERDC, along with people at UF and others nationwide, is also active in developing Internet2, a high-speed network for scientists and other researchers that will be separate from the commercialized (and very busy) Internet.

In addition to all of their other activities, NERDC staff participated in FAEDS (the Florida Association of Educational Data Systems) and FETC (Florida Education Technology Conference), an annual event for instructional personnel around the state. Marie Dence, associate director of NERDC, says NERDC is very active in both groups. NERDC Project Development Manager Allan Pither and NERDC Director Ron Schoenau serve on the board of directors for FAEDS, and NERDC has been involved with FETC by sponsoring booths and providing sessions. NERDC staff helped host the FAEDS booth at FETC this year, and participated in the FAEDS history project, which chronicles FAEDS' accomplishments since its 1964 inception.

Early this year, NERDC Executive Secretary Patricia Durant was honored for her work for FAEDS with the Raymond Parker Aid to FAEDS Award. The award recognized her work on both FAEDS membership and registration.

Also throughout the year, NERDC participated in the annual UF New Faculty Orientation, gave a variety of presentations to several UF departments and colleges to highlight NERDC services, and provided support for GatorLink, ISIS, and EAGLE.

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