

New Staff Members Jane Zhou and Janey Dean



Jane Zhou joined the Society staff this past May as the Information Systems Administrator. She is primarily responsible for the integration and maintenance of Society office hardware and software. Jane manages the Society office's Local Area Network, maintains Society databases, and coordinates the Society's computer programming activities. Her responsibilities also include

support of the Society's Internet and WWW communications, such as the ECS Web site, the e-mail system, and FTP site. Jane supports the staff in the training and utilization of computer hardware and software.

Beginning with the San Diego Meeting (May 1998), Jane will be playing a key role in assisting the Meetings staff with support for the latest versions of ECSTASI, ECS's on-line abstract submission tool (see story on page 50). Her work will help to enhance the speed and ease of use for authors submitting their abstracts electronically.

"We're pleased to have Jane join the staff in this new position," said Roque Calvo, ECS Executive Director. "With the Society's growth in the areas of Internet communications and on-line publishing, Jane will help us to keep providing Society members with state-of-the-art benefits and services."

Born and raised in mainland China, Jane came to the U.S. in 1992. She graduated from Hefei University of Technology in China, with a B.S. degree in geophysics in 1984. She worked in the Electrical Engineering and Planning Institute under State Department of Energy of China for eight years. Her responsibilities included managing power plant site investigation projects all over the country.

Jane graduated from Boston College with an M.S. in Environmental Geoscience. Her activities at Boston College included membership in the American Geophysical Union (AGU) and research study in groundwater modeling of nitrogen contamination in Cape Cod, MA. After graduation, she became a Certified Network Engineer. She gained her network administration and programming experience through previous work, during her graduate studies, and as a LAN administrator and programmer for Laboratory Corporation of America in Raritan, New Jersey.

In her spare time, Jane enjoys field trips and picnics with friends and family; she loves to apply her geology background to explain the natural geography they see on their trips, especially fossils or interesting rocks. Jane's husband is a seismologist and for their next geological excursion they would like to visit Yellowstone National Park. Jane is interested in country music and poetry. She also loves singing and once received a singing competition award. Jane spends most of her spare time, with skating and swimming being the preferred activities, with her daughter Fan, a fourth-grade student in the gifted and talented program at her school.



Janey Dean joined the Society this past June as a Publications Assistant. She is responsible for the layout and production of *Interface*, handles the production of the Society's Proceedings Series, and also assists in the processing of Rights and Permissions requests. "Janey brings a strong background in design and desktop publishing to *Interface*," said Mary Yess, ECS Publications Manager, "We're

pleased to have her ideas and energy as *Interface* heads into its next five years and into on-line publication."

The first two years of Janey's career were spent teaching art in two Willingboro, New Jersey elementary schools. During that time, she exhibited paintings and performed with her band in the Philadelphia area. Soon after, she moved to New York, where she worked both as a freelance or staff artist to gain experience in many areas of advertising and publishing. She has designed brochures, business cards, logos, done illustration, cartoons, and produced many catalogs. Janey is happiest working at jobs that challenge her to use more than one skill. For instance, working as a display artist for Barnes & Noble combined illustration, graphic design, sculpture, and even performance art when it came time to install a window on Fifth Avenue. She also produced several music videos.

A highlight of Janey's experience was working in the Advertising Department of the American Institute of Physics for several years, where she produced the Information Exchange section in *Physics Today* magazine. She was called upon to create the desktop publishing procedure which computerized production and taught others how to work with it.

When Janey is asked, "How do you like your new job?" she answers, "For a long time, I had been looking for a position in which I could use as many of my skills and talents as possible. Working on *Interface* gives me this opportunity. I am excited to see the pages of *Interface* becoming part of the Society's Web site. I am proud to be part of the workings of this scientific, non-profit organization. All of the other aspects of the job, such as producing the Proceedings Volumes, are rewarding as well."

In her spare time, Janey enjoys painting, composing and listening to music, nature photography, and dance. She volunteers for the Mercer County Wildlife Center. Janey enjoys spending time with her extended family who also live in the area. She and her canine companion, Betsey, chase frisbees and sticks together in local parks and forests.

Terry Cooper Retires

After eleven years of copy editing manuscripts for the *Journal of the Electrochemical Society*, Terry Cooper retired this past October from full-time work on the Society's Publications staff. All is not lost, because Terry will continue to copy edit manuscripts on a freelance basis. The Society has been able to rely upon Terry as a champion in maintaining the high quality of the *Journal* and looks forward to a continued association with her. (See the story on Terry celebrating ten years with the Society that appeared in the Fall 1996 issue of *Interface*).