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Serving as Director of the National Agricultural Library (NAL) since June 2002, Peter R. Young leads NAL's programs in the agricultural, natural, life, and related sciences. NAL provides services to the US Department of Agriculture and constitutes the nation's primary source for agricultural information. With an annual budget of \$22+ million and a staff of 260+, NAL's collections total over 3.8 million items. Prior to NAL, Young served at the Library of Congress (LC) as Acting Chief of the Asian Division 2001-2002, Chief of the Cataloging Distribution Service (CDS) 1997-2001, Chief of the Copyright Cataloging Division 1985-1988, Assistant Chief of the MARC Editorial Division 1984-1985, and CDS Customer Services Officer 1980-1984. From 1990 to 1997 he served as Executive Director of the U.S. National Commission on Libraries and

Information Science (NCLIS), an independent executive branch agency advising the President and Congress on national library and information service policies.

Mr. Young's career also includes leadership positions in academic research libraries and the private sector. He directed Faxon's Academic Information Services and founded the Faxon Institute for Advanced Studies in Scholarly and Scientific Communications (1988-1990). At CL Systems, Inc., Young was Library Systems Analyst and Sales Support Librarian (1976-1980). Mr. Young was Assistant Librarian for Public Services at the Rice University Libraries (1974-1976), Reference Librarian and Head Cataloger at the Franklin and Marshall College Library (1970-1974), Administrative Librarian at the American University Library (1970), and Assistant Director of the Grand Rapids (MI) Public Library (1978).

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Young holds an A.B. degree in Liberal Arts (Philosophy) from the College of Wooster, Wooster, OH (1966) and an M.S.L.S. degree from Columbia University's School of Library Service (1968). He served as a Film Library Specialist with the 25th Infantry Division, U.S. Army (1968-1970) and was awarded 3 bronze star medals for meritorious achievement directing a Special Services Library in Cu Chi, Vietnam. Mr. Young is a member of the American Library Association (ALA) and has served on committees of LITA, LAMA, RTSD, PLA, and Council. He was President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (CALA), member the Library Statistics Standard Revision Committee (Z39.7) of the National Standards Information Organization (NISO), and serves on the Federal Executive Board of the Federal Library and Information Committee. He headed the US Delegation to the FAO Consultation on Agricultural Information Management at FAO in Rome September 2002.

Recent presentations include "Information: Tools and Threats" at the Special Libraries Association Conference - Food, Agriculture and Nutrition Division session on Agro-terrorism, New York City, June 2003; "The Future of the Past: Postmodern Realities and Libraries" at the American Association of Law Libraries, Seattle, WA, July 2003; "The Ideal Agricultural Library: NAL Past, Present, & Future" at the Special Libraries Association, Nashville, TN, June 2004; and "Electronic Services and Library Performance: A Definitional Challenge" at the Fourth Northumbria International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries and Information Services in Pittsburgh, PA. Aug 2001.