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run Innovative’s Millennium on older computers. Joe has been busy in preparation for this conference as it also marks the end of his tenure as a Member-at-Large of the IUG Steering Committee. He is currently a candidate for the position of IUG Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect.

Sue Hamilton has been following the hockey exploits of her 11-year-old grandson, Max Saveedra, this season. Max’s traveling team, the South Bend Irish Rovers Squirt AA team, just capped an impressive season with a win in their division at the prestigious International Silver Sticks Tournament in Forest, Ontario!

Technology Services

Dan Manier and Susan Good will be attending the ESCON 2010 Electronic Services Conference on April 13–15 in Las Vegas along with Melissa Fruscione, Wendy Barnes and Wendy Noecker from Admissions.