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# FCIL NEWSLETTER

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## Message from the Chair

Maria I. Smolka-Day University of Pennsylvania Law School Biddle Law Library

It is rather difficult in the middle of winter to think about the hot Washington summer. Yet, preparations for the next Annual Conference are going on, and I would like to draw your attention to a few things of importance to FCIL SIS members planning for July's meeting in Washington.

As you know from the last newsletter, out of eleven proposals submitted by our SIS, five programs and one workshop were approved by the AMPSC for the Annual Conference. Although we fully supported all of our proposals and wanted them all to be accepted, we had to understand the constraints of general programming. We as a group should be particularly happy that the Committee approved an all-day workshop on foreign law: "Meet the Legal Specialists: Expert Advice on Research and Acquisitions of Foreign Law." The workshop will take place in the Library of Congress to take advantage of the unique resources and expertise available only in this institution. We would not be able to repeat such a program in any other place. In a certain sense this workshop is a continuation of the extremely popular Institute on Foreign Law organized by the FCIL SIS in LC few years ago. Unlike the first program, aimed at beginners, this year's workshop is planned as an advanced session concentrating primarily on materials in the vernacular. It does not mean, however, that it would be useful only to librarians with unusually rich language skills. It might be even more important for those who have to deal with materials in languages they do not know. After all, who is fluent in all languages?

I hope that many of you will sign up to meet the LC

legal specialists at the workshop to demonstrate that advanced programs in foreign or international law are in great demand. Please bring with you some of your toughest foreign law reference or acquisition problems. It will be an interactive program which should help each of us in our work. Please notice that, due to LC constraints, this workshop will take place on Friday, July 16, 1999, one day earlier than most other Conference events.

In addition to its programs, the SIS conducts several working group and committee meetings culminating in the annual Business Meeting. On the basis of the preliminary schedule, it looks like we will be able to conduct most of these meetings on Sunday and have

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our Business Meeting on Monday afternoon. It should help us better to achieve our objectives. In addition we will be able to present something new, namely our own SIS program, during which our guest and colleague from Australia, Ruth Bird of the University of Melbourne Law Library, will talk about Australian law and legal research with some references to New Zealand's system. The program is scheduled for Tuesday, July 20, at 5:00 p.m. We hope that it will attract some "Anglo-American librarians" who might otherwise not be interested in foreign law. Since this is a "private" FCIL SIS program, it is not going to be listed among "official" AALL programs. Therefore, we all should try to publicize it as much as possible.

Our Strategic Planning Committee is working hard to prepare a draft of a Plan for the Meeting in Washington. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find that the Chair of this Committee, Margareta Horiba, has asked for your input. Please respond to her appeal. It is very important that they hear as many opinions as possible.

You will also find in this issue a letter from AALL President Jim Heller responding to the FCIL SIS Statement made during our last year Business Meeting. Although the text of the letter has been sent to all members through the FCIL-SIS listserve a few months ago, we think that it should also, for the record, be reproduced in this Newsletter.

I end with the best news. Please join me in congratulating our Secretary/Treasurer, Jonathan Franklin, on the occasion of the birth of his son, Noah Miller Franklin, who came to this world on January 20, 1999. Our best wishes to Noah and his parents.

## Planning for the FCIL SIS - Appeal to Members

The Strategic Planning Committee has a mandate to prepare a draft for a five-year plan. Some thoughts are beginning to take shape, but we want you, who will ultimately benefit from this effort, to express your views and share your ideas, large or small, general or specific. Please let us know what you value as a member or what you think could make the organization more worthwhile for you.

The members you can contact are: Charlotte Bynum, Jack McNeill, Gail Partin, Amber Lee Smith, Tracy Thompson, Dan Wade, Stefanie Weigman and Margareta Horiba (Chair of the Strategic Planning Committee, e-mail: mhoriba@mailhost.tcs.tulane.edu).

FCIL Newsletter is published in October, February and May by the Foreign, Comparative, and International Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. The main goal of this Section is "to serve as a forum for the exchange of ideas and information on foreign, comparative, and international law, and to represent its members' interests and concerns within AALL."

FCIL Newsletter is sent free to members of the FCIL SIS. It is available for that "exchange of ideas and information."

The newsletter can be read on the Word Wide Web at: http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/fcilsis.html.

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## People in the Profession: Ellen Schaffer

## Stefanie Weigman Boston University Pappas Law Library

Ellen Schaffer has "always been interested in international things," she told me over the phone from Germany when I called her yesterday. And now her interest in things international has taken her to the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea where she is attempting to organize what she calls a "baby library." The Tribunal was established in accordance with Article 287(1)(a) and Annex

VI of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 1982 to deal with international disputes relating to the seas, their uses, and resources. The Tribunal consists of 21 judges who were elected by the States Parties to the Law of the Sea Convention on 1 August 1996. It is located in Hamburg in temporary quarters awaiting the completion of a beautiful new building on the Elbe River. How did she get there? She describes it as "an adventure." It struck me that she is well-suited to adventure.

Ellen Schaffer began by studying foreign languages and contemplating a career in teaching Spanish. She quickly decided teaching was not for her and allowed her friends to convince her to go to library school. This turned out to be a happy choice. Since library school she has had only jobs that involved languages and international relations - the two areas that interest her most. What she loves about being a foreign and international law librarian is that "every day and every question are different." Her work always seems to involve the very issues being written

about in the "International Affairs" section of the newspaper.

She began her career as a librarian as a Romance Languages Descriptive Cataloger at the Library of Congress. When I winced at the thought of being a cataloger, she said that she thought it was a very good way to begin as a librarian, since it provided a very solid introduction to the tools of the trade, or bibliography. She then moved to the Columbus Memorial Library of the Organization of American States, where she was able to work in a multilingual environment. The work and the people were interesting and enjoyable, however, working for an international organization is much different than working for a university - there is not as much money for libraries and libraries are not necessarily a key function of the organization as they are for a university. After one particularly frustrating day, she decided she wanted more of what academia had to offer. She applied for a job at an academic law library, and, after talking to a friend who was a law librarian, she decided to accept a position at the University of Miami Law School. She missed Washington, D.C. and only stayed in Miami for one year, moving to the Georgetown University Law Library where she spent the next fifteen years developing the international and foreign collections.

Now she has moved from "Nirvana to a Prehistoric age" in terms of library sophistication. Her library at the Tribunal is small and funding is tight: she is working for an international organization again. She is challenged by the prospect of developing this library, but says "thank

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heaven for the Internet" and for her friends around the world. The library has no catalog and the books are not yet classified. She has no access to Interlibrary Loan - she relies on her own resourcefulness and the generosity of colleagues. The other day she paid a courtesy visit to a local University library and stopped at the Max Planck Institute on the way home to photocopy a section of a French law requested by one of the translators. The English version came via fax from a friend.

For those of you interested in the publications of the Tribunal, there is an agreement between the Tribunal and Kluwer Law International to publish the Basic Texts of the Tribunal as well as a Yearbook. The Tribunal does not yet have its own website, but hopes to in the future. Until that time, information by and about the Tribunal can be found at the UN website (1930).

Ellen Schaffer seemed to me to have always followed her interests in things international, and this course has led to very interesting jobs. She says that she is going to be calling on all her friends to help her in this current undertaking. In addition, she said that if any of you are weeding your international collections, please think of her before disposing of anything! I, for one, would be very happy to help her with whatever she needs. I can only admire someone so drawn to adventure.

## Exchange Program with Korean Libraries?

### Claire Lee University of Minnesota Law Library

Libraries acquire materials through purchases, gifts or exchanges. Because of the cost and unavailability of certain materials, libraries have made use of an exchange program. Participation in an exchange program would be mutually beneficial, expanding resources beyond material normally obtained through purchases or gifts. In addition, this partnership would raise awareness of your law school in Asia. There are five major Korean libraries which are interested in establishing exchange relationships with U.S. academic libraries.

As you may know, Korea's law schools are colleges of law under general university administration. Unlike U.S. law schools, Korea's law schools are bachelor's degree programs. Therefore, the acquisition and processing of library materials are conducted by the main university library.

The following Korean libraries have expressed an interest in an exchange program:

## National Assembly Library of Republic of Korea

#1, Yoido-dong, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul 150-703, Korea

http://www.assembly.go.kr/

Contact: Jin-Sang Lee, Director of Acquisition & Processing Bureau, tel: (02) 788-7521, 788-4102, fax: (02) 788-4295, e-mail: jinlee@nanet.go.kr

Publication: Legislative Information and Research Review <a href="http://www.nanet.go.kr/nal/emain.htm">http://www.nanet.go.kr/nal/emain.htm</a>

### **Supreme Court Library**

967\_Seocho-Dong, Seocho-Gu, Seoul 137-750, Korea

http://www.scourt.go.kr/menu eng.html

Contact: Sang-Keun Kim, Judge, Seoul High Court and Deputy Director-General, tel: (02) 3480-1553,

fax: (02) 533-6114, e-mail: setlib@chollian.dacom.co.kr

Publication: Supreme Court decisions

Seoul National University Library

San 56-1, Shillim-dong, Kwanak-gu, Seoul 151-742, Korea

http://law.snu.ac.kr/Eng/frame-b.htm

Contact: Kyo-Hoon Chin, Prof. and Library Director, tel: 82-02-880-5280; or Noh-Oug Chung, Librarian, Exchange & Gift Division, tel: 82-02-880-8075, fax: 82-02-878-2730, e-mail:

inong@plaza.snu.ac.kr

Publication: Pophak, Seoul Law Journal

### Ewha Womans University Library

11-1, Daehyun-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul

Contact: Bong-Hee Kim, Library Director, tel: 82-02-360-3124; or Kyung-Jae Lee, Exchange & Gift Division, tel: 82-02-360-3124, email: lifelid@mm.ewha.ac.kr

Publication: Popkhak nonjib, Ewha Law Journal

#### Yonsei University Library

134 Sinchon-dong, Seodaemun-gu, Seoul 120-749

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Publication: Pophak yongu, Yonsei Law Review

## For Reference Questions on Korean law, contact:

Sung-Yoon Cho, Assistant Chief, Far Eastern Law Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540; tel: (202) 707-5085, (202) 707-9826

Sang-Keun Kim, Judge, Seoul High Court and Deputy Director-General; tel: (02) 3480-1553; fax: (02) 533-6114; e-mail: sctlib@chollian.dacom.co.kr

Woo-Jin Noh, Head of Legal Documents, National Assembly Library of Republic of Korea; tel: (02) 788-4232; fax: (02) 788-4402; e-mail: bada@nanet.go.kr

Korean Legal Research Resources on the Internet at http://www.siu.edu/offices/lawlib/koreanlaw.

## AALL Grants for Newer Members

Grants covering registration costs are available to enable newer members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. The purpose of the grants is to assist librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. Applications can be obtained from AALLNET (www.aallnet.org), as a return fax from AALL's fax-on-demand service (908-544-5901, or by contacting AALL headquarters (312-939-4764 ore-mail: aallhq@aall.org).

The application deadline is April 1. Contact Grants Committee Chair Carol Watson at the University of Georgia School of Law (706-542-7365) or e-mail cwatson@uga.edu if you need additional information.

## AALL President's Statement re SIS Programming

The following message contains Jim Heller's response to the FCIL-SIS Statement made during the Business Meeting in Anaheim.

To: FCIL SIS Leaders: Bill McCloy, Maria Smolka-Day, Katherine Topulos Gail Warren (SIS Council Chair) Margie Axtmann (AALL VP/Pres. Elect and SIS Council Liaison) Tim Coggins (AMPSC chair) Mary Hotchkiss (PDC chair) Martha Brown (AALL Director of Programs)

Fr: Jim Heller, AALL President

Re: FCIL SIS Programming Concerns

I have reviewed the undated FCIL-SIS memo sent to me after the Anaheim Annual Meeting. The memo indicates it was copied to a variety of individuals/entities, including the other SIS chairs, but I don't believe they all received it. With that in mind, I'll go into some detail about the contents of the memo.

I am pleased FCIL appreciates the scheduling changes we made for the 1999 Washington meeting. You also expressed interest that such scheduling commitments be long-term, that we have consistent program criteria, and that AMPSC provide feedback on programs accepted or rejected. These are all valid points. The Program Planner's Handbook was developed to provide some consistent program criteria and to help members understand what AMPSC expects in program proposals. The Handbook is, of course, a work-in-progress; I do hope it's been helpful.

I understand FCIL's concern that member surveys will not necessarily reflect the interests of FCIL-SIS members, who, as you stated, are a "small group." You also sought "assurance that this FCIL track will be continued," and that you have more control over what programming goes into those slots. I cannot, of course, guarantee that future AMPSC committees

will agree on specific program slots. Presently that's pretty much the prerogative of the chair and members of AMPSC. Whether we should "institutionalize" various program slots is a different — and much larger — question.

As you know, programming changes from year to year, the most important factor being the quality and content of program submissions. Almost all programming for the annual meeting comes from our members through SIS's, committees, chapters, and individuals. I congratulate FCIL on the high level of programs it's proposed to AMPSC. Indeed, for the Anaheim meeting only two SIS's — PLL and RIPS — had more programs accepted than did FCIL.

I agree with you that foreign and international law specialists are an important resource for our members, including myself. Many times I have called upon foreign/international law librarians for help in answering questions beyond my expertise. I certainly agree that educational programming for foreign and international law librarians — whether through the Annual Meeting programs, SIS programs offered at the Annual Meeting, workshops, institutes, or otherwise — ultimately benefits our broader membership and those we serve. Of course, this is also true for other "specialists."

You have raised important issues that affect not only the FCIL SIS, but the other SIS's as well. Fortunately, AALL has a vehicle for the SIS's to speak with each other, and to the Executive Board and other AALL entities.

As you know, Gail Warren currently serves as SIS Council Chair. I encourage you — and all of the SIS's — to work through Gail to convey your interests and concerns to the AALL leadership. AALL Vice President/President Elect Margie Axtmann is serving as the Board's liaison to the SIS Council this year. Margie, through Gail, will present the SIS's interests and concerns to the Executive Board and to other appropriate AALL entities.

I have spoken with Margie at some length about the FCIL memo, and other SIS-related issues. Margie

shares my commitment to do whatever we can to help the SIS's achieve their goals and aspirations.

I have asked Gail Warren to share this message with all of the SIS's, and to work with Margie to bring to the Board's attention the issues that are important to AALL's Special Interest Sections.

As always, I appreciate your input, and will do whatever I can to help.

## AALL Special Interest Sections: Contributing to Successful Annual Meetings

Timothy L. Coggins, Chair Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee

Most AALL members who attend the AALL Annual Meeting each year think about the significant number of business meetings, task force meetings, special activities, and receptions sponsored by or hosted by the Special Interest Sections. But there is another portion of the Annual Meeting that simply would not succeed as well as it does without the active participation of the Special Interest Sections-the educational program component of the Annual Meeting. Each year the Special Interest Sections and their education or program committees develop, submit, and present a considerable number of educational programs that address the needs of all AALL members.

The Washington, D.C. meeting, "At the Crossroads: Information Management, Technology, and Policy" (July 17 - 22, 1999), is no exception. The SIS education committees submitted more than 100 of the 170+ program proposals (each proposal was counted only once even if it was co-sponsored by more than one SIS) for the 1999 Annual Meeting. Additionally, the SISs also participated in the development of 10 of the 17 submitted workshop proposals. The Annual Meeting Program Selection

Committee appreciates very much all the hard work completed by the SISs for the 1999 Annual Meeting.

Following are some statistics that show the crucial role that the SISs will play in the 1999 Annual Meeting.\* The 1999 Annual Meeting will include 76 educational programs and six workshops. Five of the six accepted workshops are sponsored or cosponsored by an SIS. The Private Law Libraries Special Interest Section (PLL) is sponsoring two workshops – "All Systems Are Not Created Equal: How to Navigate the World of Integrated Library Systems" and "Second Generation: the Advanced Intranet Web Site." The Government Documents SIS also is sponsoring or co-sponsoring two workshops—"Law Librarians Meet the 106th Congress: AALL Legislative Day" and "Depository Library Workshop for Law Librarians at the Government Printing Office." The other SIS-sponsored workshop is "Meet the Legal Specialists: Expert Advice on Research and Acquisitions of Foreign Law in the Vernacular," developed and sponsored by the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law SIS.

Of the 76 programs that will be presented at the 1999 Annual Meeting, 46 - approximately 60% are sponsored or co-sponsored by the Special Interest Sections! All thirteen SISs are sponsors or co-sponsors of programs. Several of the SISs are sponsoring or co-sponsoring many programs. One SIS, for example, is sponsoring eight programs, while another SIS is sponsoring seven programs. SIS-sponsored programs will deal with crucial issues facing all of us as law librarians and legal information specialists. Some topics covered by SIS programs are the impact of electronic publishing on law libraries; improving public trust in the justice system; getting clients to value legal research; the year 2000 millennium bug; information architecture for the world wide web; court information and access to it; official gazettes; encryption; privacy law in the Internet age; the Cuban legal system; antitrust review procedures; use of the Internet in Technical Services; collaborative knowledge sharing; and many, many, others!

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The Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee gratefully appreciates the SIS efforts to develop, submit, and present terrific educational programming for AALL members. The Committee absolutely could not put on the great show that the 1999 Annual Meeting will be (we hope!) without your help!

See you in Washington, D.C. in July, 1999.

(\*This article is intended to illustrate the importance of the SISs to the educational program of AALL and is not intended to generate competition among the SISs for program slots. The Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee selects programs based on the quality and the strength of the proposals and does not look at the sponsoring person or group.)

## Report from Argentina

## Anne Burnett University of Georgia Law Library

In October and November of 1998, I spent several weeks in Buenos Aires, Argentina as part of a faculty exchange between the University of Georgia School of Law and the Universidad del Salvador (USAL). My activities were funded by a United States Information Agency grant, which supports a 3-year project focusing on dispute resolution in the Americas. The grant's administrators charged me with the broad task of setting up "efficient means of sharing information between the two schools."

The bulk of my time was spent at USAL's Biblioteca Central (Main Library) in Buenos Aires. My main contact while there was the library's director, Laura Martino. The staff in USAL's International Development Office, along with Laura Martino, coordinated most of my activities. Below is a description of my major activities during the visit:

--worked with USAL library staff to create a Web

- site on dispute resolution in MERCOSUR; the framework of the site is bilingual (English and Spanish), although most of the contents will only be in Spanish or Portuguese;
- --met with member of Argentina's joint parliamentary commission on MERCOSUR to discuss obtaining electronic copies of relevant documents for publication on the Web site;
- --provided several training sessions on the U.S. legal system and Web resources for library staff, law students, and members of RedAmicus (consortium of private university librarians in Buenos Aires);
- --received training from Biblioteca Central staff in researching Argentine legal materials via the internet and other electronic means;
- --met with USAL's Legal Informatics Department for a demonstration of Sistema Argentino de Informática Jurídica (subscription database containing Argentine legal materials);
- --along with Dr. Eugene Younts (UGA Vice President for Public Service and Outreach and Associate Provost), visited USAL's Pilar campus outside of Buenos Aires and met with the USAL branch librarian at the Pilar campus;
- --arranged to assist USAL students who will represent the United States in the 1999 Model OAS;
- --assisted USAL library in preparing their first "auto-evaluation" by providing relevant library science publications and arranging for transmission by UGA's Law Library Director, Professor Ann Puckett, of draft copies of the self-study recently completed by UGA's Law Library and Computing Services Department;
- --met with the deputy secretary for cultural affairs (a USIA employee) at the U.S. embassy in Buenos Aires and reported on my activities in relation to the USIA grant;

--visited several libraries in Buenos Aires, including the Economics and Social Sciences library at the Universidad de Buenos Aires (UBA), the UBA Law Library, the Information Resource Center at the United States embassy in Buenos Aires, the Legislative Reference Library for Argentina's Congress, and Argentina's Library of Congress;

--arranged to exchange materials with USAL's library; we will lend books to each other subject to copyright laws and each library's circulation policies; photocopied articles may be faxed if not too lengthy; electronic materials can be e-mailed; reference assistance at both libraries will be available to users of either library;

--asked for recommendations for arbitration experts who should participate in a planned arbitration conference in Buenos Aires next fall;

--discussed possibility of a "Call for Papers" by students in both institutions on the subject of alternative dispute resolution in the Americas, with winning paper to be published on the project's Web site; as a follow-up to these discussions, I have sent the USAL library a copy of the *Uniform System of Citation*, which will be necessary for any USAL student or faculty who desire to publish in U.S. legal periodicals.

#### Comments:

My hosts at USAL were generous, warm, and made my visit pleasant and productive. Although my inadequate Spanish skills provided numerous obstacles, the USAL main library staff went to great lengths to help me to overcome those difficulties. In particular, the library's director, Laura Martino, spent many hours each week translating for me during training sessions and meetings. In addition, Laura Martino arranged for my visits to other libraries and accompanied me on these trips. She was instrumental in identifying and contacting Professor Moya Dominguez for the purpose of obtaining the parliamentary documents on MERCOSUR. She also arranged for several social

activities in the evenings and on the weekends.

My visit came at a very busy time for the USAL main library, as they were in the midst of preparing their first-ever auto-evaluation along with the usual year-end reports, yet they still devoted much in the way of time and other resources to working with me on grant-related projects. Specifically, my work on the MERCOSUR Web site monopolized the library's one internet workstation, which serves the entire library staff and any USAL faculty or students who come to the library for Web access. These difficulties highlighted the disparity in resources between our libraries. In general, libraries in the United States enjoy far greater access to both print and electronic materials. I was impressed by the resourcefulness of Laura Martino and her small staff in maximizing the access they provide despite their limited resources.

Similarly, Mirta Barreiro and the staff of USAL's international development office worked hard to make my visit as productive and enjoyable as possible.

My accommodations at the Edificio Arenales were clean, pleasant and in a wonderful location. The apart/hotel is a brisk 40 minute walk, or an inexpensive cab ride or Subte (underground train) ride to the USAL library. The hotel is one block from the Foreign Ministry, the Plaza San Martín, and numerous cafes and restaurants. The front desk staff speak English.

The visit provided a unique opportunity to share resources and information with my colleagues in Buenos Aires. We made good progress on grant-related projects and formed relationships that should prove beneficial to both institutions. As we continue to work together, I anticipate that we will discover additional ways to share resources, and I hope that a representative from the USAL library will be included in the list of future visitors to UGA. In addition to the professional advantages offered by such an exchange, I enjoyed the personal enrichment afforded by immersing myself in such a colorful and cosmopolitan culture. I am pleased and fortunate to have had this experience.

### Westlaw Adds EIU

EAGAN, Minn. -- The international scope of Westlaw® was broadened today with the addition of the widely respected reports and newsletters produced by The Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and made accessible via Dow Jones Interactive. Access to business, economic and political analysis for more than 180 countries is now available through new EIU databases on Westlaw, West Group's vast online source of value-added legal and business information.

"The EIU's reputation in the industry as a premier provider of business information resources and content makes this a perfect fit for Westlaw users," said Wendy Beecham, vice president of content development for West Online. "In the global market, lawyers advise companies that are importing, exporting, involved in mergers and acquisitions, or seeking out specific countries for expansion. The high-quality worldwide content provided by the EIU can be a critical resource for these practitioners and companies.

More than ever before, international business knows no boundaries," she continued. "These databases will be of particular interest to in-house legal departments of multinational companies and law firms and financial institutions that advise them, as well as to government agencies or any legal practice that monitors political, economic and business developments across the world."

EUI reports now available include the Country Profile, an annual report on each country's political and economic background; the Country Report, a quarterly overview of the country's current operating environment; the Country Forecast, which includes financial projections for the 65 largest economies: and the Global Outlook, a forecast covering the world. Newsletters dedicated to Africa, Asia, China, Eastern Europe, Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Russia and India highlight the new content available. In addition, The Crossborder Monitor, a weekly worldwide newsletter, appeals to managers who need a synopsis of events that could

affect their international operations. Flexible research capabilities will allow Westlaw users to search the databases by country, region and/or key words. Making this key international content and other portions of Dow Jones Interactive accessible to Westlaw users is another example of how West Group, through its strategic alliance with Dow Jones, demonstrates its understanding of the needs of the legal professional and its commitment to meeting those needs.

The EIU is an information provider for companies researching, establishing and managing operations across national borders anywhere in the world. Founded 50 years ago in London, the EIU now has a worldwide network of offices in London, New York, Hong Kong, Vienna, Singapore and Tokyo. The EIU is part of The Economist Group, which also publishes The Economist newspaper. Like The Economist, the EIU prides itself on a wholly international and impartial view of the world, on aiding the global flow of information, on the clear use of English, the language of international business, and on a blend of acuity and accuracy.

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## **Call for Papers**

The Buffalo Human Rights Law Review invites the submission of unpublished articles concerning current human rights issues for publication.

In all submissions, text should be double spaced, with footnotes conforming to *The Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation* (current edition). Those without access to *The Bluebook* should include detailed information about all sources noted, including the full name of the author, editor, and/or translator. Please send articles in duplicate and on a 3½ inc IBM disk in WordPerfect 6.0/6.1 format. If WordPerfect 6.0/6.1 is unavailable to you, earlier versions of WordPerfect will be accepted.

Papers will be reviewed on a rolling basis for publication (ed. note: this notice was submitted too late for publication in the October FCIL Newsletter, so the November '98 deadline for the 1999 issue has passed).

#### Mail submissions to:

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# AALLNET Enhanced by Addition of Member Profile Information

Deletion Option Available for Members
With Concerns About Privacy

[Editor: from AALL Press Release, dated 1/26/99, posted to AALL Listserve; please check your listing to ensure that you are listed a member of the FCIL SIS]

The Membership Database section of the AALLNET Web site has been significantly enhanced by the addition of information from Member Profile forms. This new information about individual members was collected over a two-year period and during that time over 2500 members submitted a voluntary AALL Member Profile.

The enhanced member profiles on AALLNET now include educational background and professional experience, as well as membership history in AALL, other associations, and Chapters.

Similar information was previously compiled and available in the infrequently published Biographical Directory, the last edition of which appeared in 1992. The new electronic version of the Biographical Directory replaces the print publication and has the significant advantage of being able to be revised and updated on an annual basis. Members will receive copies of their Member Profiles along with their dues renewal notices each year, giving them the opportunity to provide new or updated information. Information concerning race has been deleted from the Member Database section of AALLNET.

Members wishing to delete their entire profiles from AALLNET should send an e-mail message to Marcia Bradley, AALL's new Membership Services Coordinator (mbradley@aall.org).

AALL is aware that there may have been some confusion regarding the extent and intention of this enhancement to the award-winning AALLNET Web site. We wish to apologize to anyone who has

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been inconvenienced.

Questions about the membership database and related issues should be addressed to Marcia Bradley, whose telephone number is (312) 939-4770, ext. 24.

As for the future, President Jim Heller and VP/ President Elect Margie Axtmann have recently appointed an AALLNET Task Force that will work with headquarters staff to study other enhancements to AALLNET. The task force is comprised of the incoming 1999-2000 chairs of the three "type-oflibrary" SIS's: Tory Trotta (chair) (ALL-SIS); Shirley David (SCC-SIS), and Kathie Sullivan (PLL-SIS). The task force will advise the AALL Executive Board and AALL Executive Director on the current policy governing AALLNET, and on the future development and growth of AALLNET. The Task Force will make policy recommendations to the Board, in particular regarding the contents of a members-only section. It also will advise the Board on the potential roles and responsibilities of a permanent AALLNET Advisory Committee. The Task Force will also help develop a three-year plan for AALLNET and identify sections of AALLNET that are of high value to members. It will, of course, consult with AALL members and others as appropriate for making its recommendations.

President Jim Heller and VP/President Elect Margie Axtmann welcome comments and suggestions from members on the future of AALLNET.

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