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# FCIL *Newsletter*

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## From the Chair

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First of all, congratulations to Christine Corcos, who has been elected Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect for the coming year!

It was great to see many members of this SIS at the American Society of International Law (ASIL) meeting in Washington, D.C. in early April. Marci Hoffman (International and Foreign Law Librarian, Edward Bennett Williams Library, Georgetown University Law Center) and Jean Davis (Reference Librarian and Adjunct Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School) shared "A New Vision for International Law Instruction: Changing Roles/Relationships of Professors, Librarians, and Students" at ASIL's Innovations in Teaching International Law Interest Group meeting. ASIL hosted an "Electronic Resources Breakfast" for information professionals, presented by Marci Hoffman, Jill Watson (Director of Library and Information Resources, ASIL) and Charlotte Ku (Executive Vice President and Executive Director, ASIL). Jean Davis has written an overview of this meeting that appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

It's hard to believe that another year has almost whizzed by, but this is our last newsletter before the annual meeting in Philadelphia. Six FCIL-SIS programs and a Saturday workshop on treaty research have been accepted by AALL's Annual Meeting Program Selection Committee for this summer's annual meeting. Take a look at the *Education Committee Update on Accepted Programs* in the February 2000 newsletter for details about the programs and the workshop. In addition to our programs, the SIS Interest Groups (formerly known as Working Groups) have scheduled meetings throughout the week; the times are

posted in the preliminary program. And don't forget about our traditional reception for librarians from abroad. As usual, it will follow the SIS business meeting which is scheduled for Monday, July 17.

Strategic planning goes on. The Strategic Planning Committee will meet on Monday, July 17, at 7:00 a.m. Even if you're not a member of the Strategic Planning Committee, please come to the meeting and share your ideas. The Strategic Planning Committee will soon be sending to the listserv a draft mission statement that we will discuss and vote on at the Business Meeting.

Even though the 2000 annual meeting is still a few months away, it's not too soon to start thinking about programs for 2001, because the deadline for program proposals comes very soon after this summer's meeting. If you have ideas for programs, please pass them on to Education Committee co-chairs Dennis Sears (searsd@lawgate.byu.edu) and Jean Davis (jdavis@brooklaw.edu). Even if you don't want to coordinate a program, your ideas may inspire someone else to do so. Proposals already under discussion include programs on German legal research and on GATT/WTO law and research.

See you in Philadelphia!

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In the Spotlight:  
The American Society  
of International Law's (ASIL)  
April 2000 Annual Meeting  
Jean Davis, *FCIL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair-elect*  
Brooklyn Law School



For the first time, all can enjoy highlights of ASIL's recent annual meeting: "International Law in Ferment: A New Vision for Theory and Practice." ASIL's photos and descriptions of conference events, summaries of meeting panels, and "contests of the day" appear at *Extra! Extra! Read All About It* [http://www.asil.org/annual\\_meeting/am2000.htm](http://www.asil.org/annual_meeting/am2000.htm).

At an Electronic Resources Breakfast for information professionals, Jill Watson (Director of Library and Information Resources, ASIL) and Marci Hoffman (International and Foreign Law Librarian, Edward Bennett Williams Library, Georgetown University Law Center) described:

1) the upcoming redesign of ASIL's web site; 2) issues regarding the *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law*; and 3) plans to develop an Electronic Information System for International Law (EISIL).

In future, international law news and core sources will appear on ASIL's home page. From this page, one will be able to rapidly track a topic such as international criminal law or human rights. A user will be able to provide background data and then to identify ASIL products and services tailored to the user's needs. Interest Group resources and the *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law* will be "up front" and easy to access.

Marci outlined the history and purpose of the *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law*. She raised and led discussion of key issues regarding the *Electronic Resources* project, such as: selecting pertinent guide topics; presenting guides in an easy-to-use format; updating data; sparking researchers' interest in the guides; and maintaining authors' interest in their products.

Jill also informed the audience about ASIL's developing EISIL. EISIL likely will have: 1) a web-based, subject-oriented, hyperlinked index to international law, initially focusing on primary documents; 2) a "Best [Web] Sites" guide that will expand on the *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law*; and 3) analysis and commentary, culled from ASIL publications like the *American Journal of International Law*.

Following these presentations, Charlotte Ku (Executive Vice President and Executive Director, ASIL) invited information professionals to introduce themselves, to discuss their work, and to comment on ASIL's existing web site and planned redesign. All present appreciated this opportunity! Jeanne Rehberg (Special Assistant to the Director and Reference Librarian for International and Foreign

*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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Law, New York University School of Law Library) praised the excellent *Electronic Resources* guides and other materials currently available through <http://www.asil.org>. Stefanie Weigmann (Senior Reference Librarian, Pappas Law Library, Boston University School of Law) spoke in favor of including print and electronic sources in research guides. Mirela Roznovschi (Reference Librarian for Foreign and International Law, New York University School of Law Library) initiated discussion on the need to apply standards when designing web databases. To learn more about existing standards, consult Mirela's valuable work, *Evaluating Foreign and International Legal Databases on the Internet* and *Checklists I and II* at [http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign\\_intl/index.html](http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign_intl/index.html). Lyonette Louis-Jacques (Foreign and International Law Librarian and Lecturer in Law, D'Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago Law School) discussed her new web page, *International Corporate Governance: Resources*. To review this page, and her many other helpful web resources, access <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/>. Silke Sahl (Reference Librarian for International, Foreign and Comparative Law, Harvard Law School Library) described her participation in a documents project concerning the Nuremberg trials of major German war criminals. Silke and Stefanie are guiding the FCIL-SIS Education Committee in developing a German legal research program proposal for AALL's 2001 Annual Meeting. Maria Smolka-Day (Associate Director for Foreign and International Law, and Lecturer, Biddle Law Library, University of Pennsylvania Law School) offered to aid librarians who seek English translations of Polish legal materials. In future, her Polish law project results will appear at <http://www.law.upenn.edu/bll/>. Louise Tsang (Reference Librarian, York University Law Library, Toronto, Ontario) made many aware of: 1) her valuable "Overview of Sources of Canadian Law on the Web" at LLRX.com <http://www.llrx.com>; and 2) her contributions to Women's Human Rights Resources <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/diana/>, a part of the DIANA international human rights database. Over twenty librarians provided insight into their exciting work.

At ASIL's Innovations in Teaching International Law Interest Group meeting, Marci and I shared "A New Vision for International Law Instruction: Changing Roles/Relationships of Professors, Librarians, and Students." A compilation of related web sources appears at <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/presentations/teachingintl.htm> and at <http://brkl.brooklaw.edu/screens/marci.html>. At this presentation, we provided examples of how law schools are integrating international law and international legal research into their curricula. Marci and I noted librarians' efforts to support this integration. We highlighted materials created for, and techniques used in, IFLR courses. We also displayed resources developed for other law school programs, such as the *Asylum Case Research Guide* <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/cals/asylumresearch.htm> prepared for students in the Center for Applied Legal Studies, Georgetown University Law Center. I am inspired by the research guides developed by the International and Foreign Law Department of the Edward Bennett Williams Library, Georgetown University Law Center!

An article on teaching international legal research will appear in a forthcoming issue of *Legal Reference Services Quarterly*. I collaborated on this article with a terrific triumvirate: Stefanie; Victoria Szymczak (Electronic Information Specialist and Adjunct Associate Professor of Law, Brooklyn Law School); and FCIL-SIS Chair Katherine Topulos (Reference Librarian and Foreign and International Law Specialist, Duke University School of Law Library). One can access our course pages from the previously described compilation of web sources and from the web page of the FCIL-SIS Teaching Foreign and International Law Research Interest Group at [http://www.law.lsu.edu/library/aall/index\\_aall.htm](http://www.law.lsu.edu/library/aall/index_aall.htm). Those who have encouraged Victoria and me to add THE GAMES to our course page -- check out <http://www.wcbcourses.com/wcb/schools/LEXIS/law06/vszymcza/19/files/madness.html> and <http://www.idrive.com/vszymczak/files/shared/>.

It was a pleasure to address members of the International Law Students Association (ILSA) with

# Calendar of FCIL SIS-related Activities during the AALL

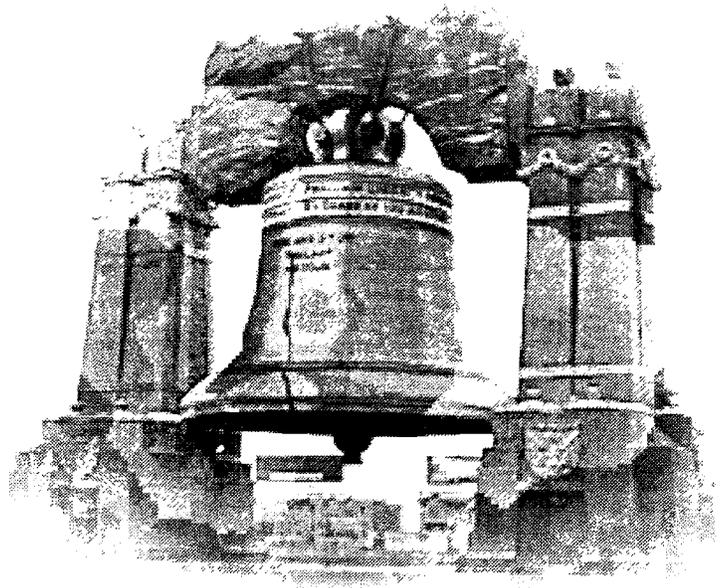
*note: these dates and times were taken from the AALLNET  
at <http://www.aallnet.org/events/>*

Saturday 7/15	Sunday 7/16	Monday, 7/17
<p><b>9:00-4:00</b> WI(A) and WI(B) Gateway to Treaty Research in the Digital Age (all day or only 2-4pm session)</p> <p><b>4:00-5:00</b> CIS &amp; E. European Law Interest Group</p> <p><b>5:00-6:00</b> Latin American Law Interest Group</p>	<p><b>11:45-12:45</b> Teaching Foreign &amp; Int'l Legal Research Interest Group</p> <p><b>1:00-2:00</b> B-6 Passeport pour la France, pt1</p> <p><b>2:15-3:45</b> C-6 Passeport pour la France , pt2</p> <p><b>4:00-5:00</b> African Law Interest Group</p> <p><b>5:00-6:00</b> Devolution &amp; the Scottish Legal System</p>	<p><b>7:00-8:00</b> Strategic Plan Committee</p> <p><b>7:45-8:45</b> Clearinghouse for Internships &amp; Int'l Personnel Exchanges</p> <p><b>10:15-11:45</b> D-5 Gateway to Foreign Patent Information:</p> <p><b>4:00-5:00</b> F-1 Building New Gateways: Research Instruction for Foreign-Trained Lawyers &amp; Law Students</p> <p><b>5:00-6:45</b> Business Meeting &amp; Reception for Attendees from Abroad</p>

# Annual Meeting, July 15 - 20, 2000 in Philadelphia

*Web site on April 28; please check their schedule for the most current schedule*

Tuesday, 7/18	Wednesday, 7/19	Thursday, 7/20
<b>7:45-8:45</b> Asian Law Interest Group	<b>7:45-8:45</b> Publications Committee	
<b>10:45-12:15 G-1</b> New Look to an Old Subject: Electronic Resources in English Legal Research	<b>8:45-10:15 J-6</b> Passeport Intellectuel pour la Louisiane et le Quebec	
G-8 The Intersection of Public & Private Int'l Law in a Global Economy	J-8 Blackstone in the New World, pt IV	
<b>12:15-1:15</b> Electronic Issues Interest Group		
<b>3:45-5:15 I-7</b> Gateway to China: Searching & Finding in Chinese		
<b>5:15-6:15</b> Education Committee		



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Diane Penneys Edelman (Professor and Co-Director of the Legal Writing Program, Villanova University School of Law). Our topic was “Researching and Preparing a Persuasive Written and Oral Argument for International Law Moot Court Students.” Among the sources that I emphasized were: ASIL’s *Careers in International Law: Your Indispensable Guide to Career Paths and Internships in International Law*; Mark Janis’s *An Introduction to International Law* (a student handbook); the *ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law*; Victoria’s and my *Introduction to International Law Research* at <http://brkl.brooklaw.edu/screens/rgintl.html>; and Mirela’s *Guide to Foreign and International Legal Databases* at [http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign\\_intl/index.html](http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign_intl/index.html). Diane made me aware of *The Project on International Courts and Tribunals* <http://www.pict-pcti.org/> and the list of prior Jessup international moot court competition topics in the *Jessup Reporter*. As Diane described how to frame “questions presented,” structure point headings, and present and respond to arguments, I realized that the audience would be able to apply her excellent remarks throughout their legal careers. Good luck to Jason Ravensborg and other students at the University of South Dakota School of Law who are working to “get Jessup up and running”! The ILSA presentation conflicted with the famed “librarians dutch treat lunch,” but I know that over twenty librarians responded to Katherine’s invitation.

During the ASIL conference, I also attended excellent international arbitration programs. Panelists Antonio Parra (Deputy Secretary-General, International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)<sup>1</sup>), Daniel Price, and Robert Volterra discussed ICSID’s role, as the number of bilateral investment treaties (BITs) in force has increased to over 1,500. Price noted the broad definition of “investment” in many BITs. He outlined various types of investment disputes: disagreements arising out of an alleged breach of the BIT, an investment agreement, or an investment authorization. Price then focused on procedures for resolving investor-state disputes. Using Article IX of the United

States-El Salvador BIT as an example, Price urged careful selection of an available procedure for resolving an investor-state dispute. Under Article IX, 1) submitting a dispute to local courts or administrative tribunals of the BIT party that is a party to the dispute, or 2) choosing a previously agreed upon dispute settlement procedure (example: International Chamber of Commerce arbitration) results in losing ICSID as a forum for dispute resolution. Volterra’s remarks sparked an interesting discussion on the validity of a state “carving out” provisions from a BIT to avoid using ICSID as a dispute resolution forum. When he returns from a business trip abroad, Volterra kindly will provide me with the citations to the cases that he mentioned.

Following this program, ICSID exhibitors provided me with a helpful overview: Shihata and Parra, “The Experience of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes” (14 *ICSID REVIEW – Foreign Investment Law Journal* 299 (Fall 1999)). They also directed me to Christoph Schreuer’s “Commentary on the ICSID Convention” (published in vols. 12-14 of *ICSID REVIEW*). These exhibitors reminded me of the materials available through <http://www.worldbank.org/icsid/>, including: *ICSID Basic Documents and Rules Governing the Additional Facility...*; *ICSID Bibliography* (which contains citations to many 1999 publications); a list of contracting states and other signatories to the ICSID Convention; lists of pending and concluded cases; texts of recent decisions and awards; *Bilateral Investment Treaties: Bibliography*; a chronological list of BITs; and a list of parties to BITs.

International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes

## ICSID Basic Documents

<http://www.worldbank.org/icsid/basicdoc/basicdoc.htm>

The next day, a panel that included Eric Posner and Nathalie Voser discussed whether national courts, or other bodies, should be able to review international commercial arbitration awards. On an international level, Voser favors harmonizing and limiting grounds for setting aside an arbitration award in the

state of origin. Panel Chair Lucy Reed (Freshfields, New York) offered to provide attendees with Voser's accompanying paper discussing the current situation in Europe concerning reviewability of arbitration awards and Voser's proposals to avoid results like those in the 1988 Hilmarton case. Posner's article, "Arbitration and the Harmonization of International Commercial Law: A Defense of Mitsubishi," appears in 39 *Virginia Journal of International Law* 647 (Spring 1999).

A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Steven Roses, Carswell's U.S. Account Representative, for hosting an FCIL-SIS leadership lunch at ASIL's Annual Meeting! (I hope this entices YOU to serve as a future FCIL-SIS officer...)

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<sup>1</sup> The Convention on the Settlement of Investment Disputes between States and Nationals of Other States of March 18, 1965 (575 U.N.T.S. 159) created ICSID. As outlined in this Convention, ICSID offers facilities for conciliation and arbitration of investment disputes between contracting states and nationals of other contracting states. ICSID also has an "additional facility" for administering conciliation, arbitration, and fact-finding proceedings that are outside of this Convention's scope. There are *Rules Governing the Additional Facility for the Administration of Proceedings by the Secretariat of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes*.

If interested in participating in an overseas librarian exchange, please check out the FCIL Clearinghouse for Internships & International Personnel Exchanges at

<http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/fcil/clearintro.html>



INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIANS

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on International Law Librarianship

Dublin, Ireland

20<sup>th</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> August 2000

Conferences of the International Association of Law Libraries draw law librarians from around the world to discuss foreign, comparative and international legal information issues and their legal context. They are held in a different city each year. In August 2000 IALL meets in Dublin, a great city which retains a charm and character of its own.

The full documentation including programme, registration form, hotel information and accommodation booking form are on the IALL web site (<http://iall.org>). Have a look now, time will be short to register by the time you read this. For a preview of events, visits, and hotels try the links.

The programme 'A Common Law for Europe' will address a range of issues including: the convergence and interaction of legal systems in Europe, **Irish law and legal literature**, and Internet access to legal materials.

#### Conference Venue

The venue is the Dublin International Arbitration Centre run by the Bar Council of Ireland. This is situated in the heart of legal Dublin not far from the Four Courts. It is a modern facility built within the walls of the old Jameson's Distillery.

#### Events and Visits

There will be a reception in the famous Long Room, the extraordinary barrel-vaulted library of Trinity College Dublin, with a private opportunity to view the Book of Kells and the museum in which it is housed. On other evenings there will be a Civic Reception by the Lord Mayor, a traditional Irish evening of music and dancing, and the Annual Dinner will be at King's Inns with a reception in the ancient library of the Inns. A range of visits will be offered, including the Irish Writers' Museum and the James Joyce Centre, as well as a tour of the beautiful Irish countryside.

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## AALL's Mentor Project

If you are new to the field of Law Librarianship and would like to develop an ongoing relationship with an experienced law librarian who is willing to provide guidance, support and counseling, or if you are an experienced law librarian interested in becoming a mentor, AALL's Mentor Project, under the auspices of the Mentoring and Retention Committee, will act as a matchmaker. Take a look at the Mentor Project web page <[http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor\\_project.html](http://www.aallnet.org/committee/mentoring/mentor_project.html)> where you'll find further details on the Project as well as



application forms for both Mentors and Mentees. You may also contact Dick Vaughan ([rvaughan@indiana.edu](mailto:rvaughan@indiana.edu)) or Chip Marlor ([cmarlor@law.uconn.edu](mailto:cmarlor@law.uconn.edu)) for further information.

*[Ed. note: potential mentees and mentors can request matching according to a job category, including Foreign/Int'l]*

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