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AALL FCIL SIS Executive Committee Scorecard *Team Manager Jean Davis*

Congratulations to our Section's newly elected All Stars: **Tracy Thompson**, Chair; **Ken Rudolf**, Vice-Chair/Chair Elect; and **Mirela Roznovschi**, Secretary/Treasurer. They will step up to the plate in July 2001.

Many thanks to my current team— FCIL SIS Executive Committee members **Christine Corcos**, **Katherine Topulos**, and **Tracy Thompson** and Publications Committee Chair **Anne Burnett**. These officers are sluggers who put Mark McGwire to shame!

Do you think that I have forgotten some power players? **ATTEND OUR SECTION'S BUSINESS MEETING on Monday, July 16, 2001 at 5:15 PM!** We will honor: **Ellen Schaffer** for establishing the Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant; **Randy Snyder** for donating publishing royalties to our Section; and a *surprise* roster of non-officers for their outstanding contributions during the 2000-2001 season.

Major League scouts recruit worldwide, and so do we! The FCIL SIS Executive Committee invites **SECTION MEMBERS and ALL AALL ANNUAL MEETING ATTENDEES FROM ABROAD to our July 16th Business Meeting (5:15 PM) and Reception (6:15 PM)**. Meet our MVP—the Schaffer Grant recipient! **Thomson Legal & Regulatory** and **West Group** are



Katherine Topulos, Steve Roses (Thomson) & Jean Davis at the ASIL Annual Meeting

providing the Crackerjack, nachos, and pretzels. (There will also be finger sandwiches, beverages, and prize drawings.) For funding this reception, many thanks to: **Steven Roses**, Regional Sales Manager— Eastern United States, Thomson Legal & Regulatory Americas; Thomson Legal & Regulatory; and West Group.

ACHIEVING AIMS DESCRIBED IN OCTOBER 2000 FCIL NEWSLETTER:

- Griffey may be iffy, but the FCIL SIS Executive Committee and Ms. Burnett are ready to post our goals on the Section's Web site. Strategic Planning Committee Chair **Stefanie Weigmann** has contacted committee members and Interest Group chairs who gave comments following the Fall 2000 planning meeting. She has requested permission to integrate their suggestions. Soon, you will receive a

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listserv announcement noting that the goals and methods of implementation are available for all members' ranking and comment. The ranking process does not mean that our Section will only pursue 2-3 goals. Knowing what is most important to members will help our officers to establish an agenda. Ms. Weigmann and the Executive Committee will provide an update at the **Strategic Planning meeting on Sunday, July 15, 2001 (11:45 AM)** and at our **Business Meeting on Monday, July 16, 2001 (5:15 PM)**. Please attend and share your ideas.

- As Jeter and O'Neill are propelling the Yankees toward the Pennant, **Ken Rudolf** and **Dennis Sears** are powering our Section's educational planning. Like El Duque, who crossed the Caribbean to spark the pitching staff of the Bombers, **Heather Worledge-Andrew** will cross the Atlantic in 2002 to boost our knowledge of Scotland's devolution. Send your 2002 program proposals to Mr. Sears at: searsd@lawgate.byu.edu. The Education Committee meeting will occur on Monday, July 16, 2001 (1:40 PM) – meet at our Section's activities table in the Exhibit Hall of the Minneapolis Convention Center.

- Many new recruits are leading Section activities. Candidates for "Rookies of the Year" include: **Michael McCarthy** (supervisor of the project to revise the list of *Foreign and International Law Librarians Willing To Help Non-Experts*); **Dana Neacsu** (Blue Helmet Research Team member who will discuss UN sources for asylum law research at a roundtable on Wednesday, July 18, 2001); **Mary Rumsey** (program coordinator of "Prometheus UNBound: Firing Up United Nations Legal Researchers" (J-7)); and **Bea Tice** (who will be the new member representative on an expanded FCIL SIS Education Committee).

- Pinstripe heroes **Michael McCarthy** and **Grace Lee** have created a revised list of *Foreign & International Law Librarians Willing To Help Non-Experts* at <http://www.nyls.edu/library/FCIL.html>. Please add *your* name by contacting Mr. McCarthy at: mmccarthy@nylaw-07.nyls.edu. AALL membership is not a requirement—Mr. McCarthy welcomes submissions from all librarians. We are a world team! At the ASIL conference, I was pleased that newer team members like **Tracy**

Bridgman, Krista Lindhard and **Mabel Shaw** expressed interest in this project.

- With the expert assistance of coach **Maya Norris**, AALL's Director of Publications, Ms. Burnett and I are finalizing our Section's brochure. It will premiere at our activities table in the Exhibit Hall of the Minneapolis Convention Center.

- After carefully considering all responses to Ms. Burnett's *FCIL Newsletter* survey at an April meeting, the FCIL SIS Executive Committee and Ms. Burnett have decided to produce a "primarily electronic" *FCIL Newsletter*. The October 2001

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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FCIL Newsletter will be available in HTML and PDF formats at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/fcilsis.html>. Through our Section's listserv, Ms. Burnett will notify members of the Fall issue's availability and will include a link to the *FCIL Newsletter*. Section members with barriers to electronic access may contact Ms. Burnett to obtain print copies (the PDF version) of the *FCIL Newsletter*. If any future problem arises with the electronic archive of *FCIL Newsletter* issues (1994-), Brooklyn Law School can host the archive. (For additional information about this decision, please see Ms. Burnett's article in this issue.)

This is my last column as Chair, but I am still working hard to prepare for our July meetings and programs. As Yogi Berra said, "It ain't over 'til it's over."



Current Chair Jean Davis, Newsletter Editor Anne Burnett, Immediate Past Chair Katherine Topulos and Chair-elect Tracy Thompson found an early morning hour to discuss Section business during the ASIL Annual Meeting (for more about the ASIL meeting, see Jean Davis' report beginning on p. 5 of this issue)

Note re Newsletter Format **Anne Burnett**

Many, many thanks to the section members who responded to the poll posted in the February 2001 issue of the *FCIL Newsletter* and provided valuable input regarding the proposed change in newsletter format. Respondents to the poll overwhelmingly recommended a change from paper to electronic format. In considering whether to implement this change, the members of the Executive Committee and I (in my role as Publications Committee chair and current newsletter editor) agreed with the respondents who expressed concern about the availability of the newsletter to those who might have difficulty accessing it electronically. In order to address this concern, the newsletter will still be available as a print copy and mailed to those mem-

bers who notify the editor that technological barriers make electronic access unfeasible. These print copies will be of no greater quality than a printout of the electronic copy (for an example, please see the February 2001 issue, which is in PDF at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/152.pdf>). The Executive Committee and I encourage section members who *prefer* to read a print copy to access the electronic copy and print it out for more convenient reading. The editor will notify section members of the on-line publication of each issue via the FCIL SIS listserv. Because attachments to AALL-hosted listservs are not advised, the listserv notification will include a link to the new issue rather than the newsletter as an attached file. I note that the electronic copy will be available in *both* PDF and HTML versions, as requested by several poll respondents.

The shift to a "primarily electronic" document will take place beginning with the October 2001 issue. This format change should provide a significant savings to the section, which has devoted the majority of its budget in recent years to the printing and mailing of paper copies. The editor will continue to keep a print copy of each issue in the section's archives, and the editor will mail print copies to AALL headquarters in compliance with their requirements (which may change as more chapters and sections convert to electronic-only newsletters). We will also make printed-out copies available at the Activities Table during the AALL Annual Meeting.

If technological barriers make electronic access unfeasible for you, please let me know that you require the printed-out version of the newsletter to be mailed to you: Anne Burnett, Alexander Campbell King Law Library, University of Georgia School of Law, Athens, GA 30602-6018 or aburnett@arches.uga.edu. AALL headquarters will continue to provide mailing labels; therefore, any changes of address or other updates should be sent to them via AALLNET (<http://www.aallnet.org>) or at The American Association of Law Libraries, 53 W. Jackson, Suite 940, Chicago, IL 60604, Phone: (312) 939-4764, Fax: (312) 431-1097 well in advance of the newsletter's publication dates.

Visit to Bibliothèque Cujas

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My wife and I recently took advantage of incredibly discounted tickets on a new international flight from Charlotte, North Carolina to Paris, France in late January. Because of the weather in Paris, January is not high tourist season, but rather, is low, low tourist season. We planned to spend a week and, before we left, I arranged for a visit and tour of the Bibliothèque Cujas which is part of the Université of Paris I (la Sorbonne) and the largest law library in France. I referred to the Clearinghouse for Internships and International Personnel Exchanges web page listing of the Foreign, Comparative and International Law section of the American Association of Law Libraries (www.lawsch.uga.edu/fcil/clearintro.html) for information on arranging the visit. I e-mailed the contacts listed on that page for the Bibliothèque Cujas and Madame Catherine Forestier, the assistant to the law library director, responded and arranged my visit.

I visited the library on the morning of Friday, January 26, 2001. Still recovering from jet lag, I took the Metro to the Luxembourg stop near the Sorbonne and walked to the Bibliothèque Cujas near the Panthéon arriving thirty minutes late to my appointment. The security guard at the building had been notified of my arrival and called Madame Gautier-Gentès, *specialiste de téléreference et du droit comparé*, immediately upon my arrival.

After making profuse apologies for my late arrival, Madame Gautier-Gentès (who seemed not to be bothered by my tardiness) began the tour of the Bibliothèque Cujas by showing me the large reading room where most of the basic French legal resources are located. In France, the study of law begins at the end of the undergraduate level. Frequently used French legal resources are located in the reading room as well as computers for the online public access catalog. Madame Gautier-Gentès informed me that there is not a reference desk like in American law libraries, but rather the library has an

information desk for general questions and more complex reference questions are referred to specialist librarians who are physically located elsewhere in the library.

We then took a tour of a specialized legal research area used by students seeking more advanced research questions, known as the Centre de Recherches Documentaires (CERDOC - see <http://www-cujas.univ-paris1.fr/cerdoc.html>). There, more sophisticated computerized research resources (both online databases and CD-ROMs) are available. The Bibliothèque Cujas does not subscribe to either Westlaw or Lexis because neither on-line service directly meets their legal research needs and because of their expense. Madame Gautier-Gentès also showed me a proprietary database that the Bibliothèque Cujas with the cooperation of private law firms in Paris had developed. This database, the *Doctrinale*, indexes articles from legal journals searchable by keywords. Librarians at the Bibliothèque Cujas and documentation specialists at the partner private law firms prepare the abstracts and indexing. The key word indexing is extensive and allows for efficient searching. The abstract and key word indexes are in the language of the original article so there are French, English and German language materials within the index.

During our visit, Madame Gautier-Gentès discussed various issues concerning French law libraries and legal education. A recent concern is the lack of research skills among some law students in France. Even some advanced students do not have the legal research skills expected at that level. In her view, a weakness in French legal education is the inconsistent emphasis on legal research in the curriculum. As a result, the library has placed a new emphasis on training students in legal research and one librarian spends all his time on training law students (in French known as *la formation*) in legal research.

Likewise, the need and necessity for information technology in legal research is apparent at Cujas. However, the age of the buildings and the fact that the whole area around and below the Sorbonne (yes, subterranean) is a historical site and therefore subject to extensive regulation, has made the instal-

lation of information technology and computer networks very difficult.

The Bibliothèque Cujas operates a successful fee-based legal research service, a part of CERDOC. Fee-based research services at law libraries in France are unusual. However, the service at the Bibliothèque Cujas has been in great demand and beneficial to law firms located in the Paris metropolitan region. Graduate law students for the most part respond to requests, although reference specialists supervise and are available to help with the more complicated requests.

My short (approximately 1 ½ hour) visit to the Bibliothèque Cujas gave me a new perspective on the operation of law libraries abroad and the common issues all law librarians deal with such as physical and financial constraints for new programs and technology, the improvement of teaching legal research in the law school curriculum, and the constant battle to meet the mission of the law library within the constraints placed on it by the parent institution. All in all, an interesting Friday morning to spend in Paris with plenty of time left over to see the sights.



Fostering an International Legal Information Network: A Program for Librarians and Information Managers

Summary prepared by Jean Davis

As Washington's cherry trees burst into bloom, many ASIL¹ Annual Meeting attendees discussed exciting projects at "Fostering an International Legal Information Network: A Program for Librarians and Information Managers." (The crab cakes laced with Old Bay seasoning were great, too!)

Charlotte Ku (Executive Vice President and Executive Director, ASIL) explained how ASIL had expanded its presence in 2000. Examples of ASIL's law school and law student outreach included: a workshop on how law professors could integrate international legal issues in their courses; a reduction from \$45 to \$25 in ASIL student dues; and ASIL career panels held on several campuses throughout the U.S.

Ms. Ku also noted that ASIL had expanded its Web and e-mail presence in 2000—use of <http://www.asil.org/> rose 40%, noted authors produced 20 ASIL Insights, and the ASIL library staff responded to nearly 400 e-mail requests. Ms. Ku wishes to know what we like and need, and how ASIL can respond to our needs.

Jill Watson (Director of Library and Information Services, ASIL) stated that ASIL had received \$680,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to design and launch the Electronic Information System for International Law. ASIL's 2000 Annual Report (contained in the March-April 2001 ASIL Newsletter) discusses the framework, "best sites" segment, and prototype segment of this site. We are eager to view the prototype! Ms. Watson requested that if you have recently made decisions about thesauri and metadata standards for a Web site, she would like to hear from you: jwatson@asil.org.

Marci Hoffman (International and Foreign Law Librarian, Williams Law Library, Georgetown University Law Center) informed attendees of two new ASIL Guides to Electronic Resources for International Law <http://www.asil.org/resource/Home.htm>: An Introduction to the ASIL Guide to Electronic Resources for International Law and Researching International Law on the Internet by Ms. Hoffman and Jill Watson; and International Commercial Arbitration by **Charlotte Bynum** (Reference Librarian, Cornell University Law Library). Wonderful work! FCIL Newsletter editor **Anne Burnett** also is developing an ASIL Guide on international organizations.

Following these presentations, the panelists continued their tradition of inviting information professionals to introduce themselves, to discuss their work, and to comment on ASIL's products and services. All appreciated this opportunity!

M. Kathleen Price (Director of the Law Library and Professor of Law, New York University School of Law Library) described a partnership, the Information Transfer Network, to develop a global "law library without walls." All present wished to accompany **Jeanne Rehberg** (Special Assistant to the Director and Reference Librarian for International and Foreign Law, NYUSLL) as she furthers this global law library mission by leading and attending

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cooperative training sessions at the University of Cape Town in May! Ms. Rehberg will delight us with highlights of her trip in the Fall 2001 FCIL Newsletter. **Radu Popa** (Associate Director for Research and Online Services, NYUSLL) has been concentrating on collection development. In future, he plans to create an annotated guide to international jurisprudence. **Mirela Roznovschi** (Reference Librarian for International and Foreign Law, NYUSLL) explained that she updates her highly useful Guide to Foreign and International Legal Databases http://www.law.nyu.edu/library/foreign_intl/index.html on a daily basis. We can now search this site with the Webinator Search Engine!

Paul Norman (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies,



Paul Norman & Mirela Roznovschi (University of London) won the award for “visitor who traveled the greatest distance to have lunch with us”! Mr. Norman was visiting NYUSLL as a representative of IALS, one of the Information Network Transfer partnership institutions. He described the Social Science Information Gateway project <http://www.sosig.ac.uk>, including the SOSIG Law Gateway. This Gateway provides guidance and access to global legal information resources on the Internet.

Marilyn Raisch (International and Foreign Law Librarian, Bora Laskin Law Library, University of Toronto) informed us that the *Women’s Human Rights Resources* project <http://www.law-lib.utoronto.ca/diana/> has received a grant to transform HTML documents into a thoroughly indexed, full text legal database of materials regarding women and international human rights law. If you have produced materials on this topic, or wish to recommend links to other sites on international women’s human rights law, please contact: whrr.law@utoronto.ca.

Silke Sahl (International, Comparative and Foreign Law Librarian, Diamond Law Library, Columbia

Law School) highlighted her institution’s *Human & Constitutional Rights* site <http://www.hrcr.org/> and noted that she is developing a chart to compare constitutions. Author’s note: I frequently use Ms. Sahl’s *Selective List of Guides to Foreign Legal Research* <http://library.law.columbia.edu/foreignguide.html>.

The dynamic duo of **Dan Wade** (Foreign and International Law Librarian, Goldman Law Library, Yale Law School) and **Tracy Thompson** (International Law Librarian, GLLYLS) described recent additions to *The Avalon Project at the Yale Law School* <http://www.yale.edu/lawweb/avalon/avalon.htm>. The Avalon Project continues to evolve under the able leadership of Bill Fray (Collection Services/Systems Librarian, GLLYLS). For example, new materials appear under link: *Nuremberg War Crimes Trials*. Moreover, the Curiae Project (led by Stephanie Davidson, Reference Librarian, GLLYLS) is incorporating U.S. Supreme Court briefs—The Avalon Project site will link to these briefs.

Marie-Louise Bernal (Special Assistant to the



Charlotte Bynum, Tracy Thompson & Dan Wade (Law Librarian, Law Library of Congress) described an exciting series of foreign law programs presented by Legal Specialists from the Law Library of Congress to the Law Librarians’ Society of Washington, DC. Stephen Clarke led “Fundamentals Of Foreign Legal Research: Canada” on March 7, 2001 and Peter Roudik conducted “Fundamentals Of Foreign Legal Research: Russia” on April 10, 2001. The May program will focus on Greece and the European Union. The speaker will be Senior Legal Specialist Theresa Papademetriou, who holds an LLB from the University of Athens, Greece and an LLM in international and comparative law from George Washington University Law Center, Washington, DC. Program announcements appear on LLSW’s Foreign and International Law Special

Interest Section Web site <http://www.llsdc.org/sis/forint/index.html>. Author's note: There are plans to make these presentations available on the Web, and I will track future developments.

FUTURE EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY:

Those who attend the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting can learn about the German legal system from Law Library of Congress Legal Specialist Christa McClure at "The New Reality of a United Germany: German Legal Sources and Research Strategies" (B-4). This program will begin at 1:15 PM on Sunday, July 15, 2001.

Ms. Bernal also noted the recent addition of data on Nicaragua and Republic of China (Taiwan) to the Global Legal Information Network <http://memory.loc.gov/law/GLINv1/>.

Jeanette Yackle (Head of Reference for International, Foreign and Comparative Law, International Legal Studies, Harvard Law School Library) highlighted many recent updates to the International, Foreign & Comparative Law Research Guides http://www.law.harvard.edu/library/research_guides/research_page.htm.

Author's note: For those who wish to prepare for the "German Legal Sources" program, I recommend the highly useful Introduction to German Legal Research at this site!

Ann Sweeney (Librarian, Webmaster, and Information Officer, European Commission Delegation, Washington, DC) has created a time-saving Best European Union Law Websites page at <http://www.eurunion.org/infores/BestLawSites.HTM>. The Delegation's comprehensive A-Z Index of European Union Websites <http://www.eurunion.org/infores/euindex.htm> is another excellent research starting point. In June 2001, Ms. Sweeney will speak at the Special Libraries Association Annual Conference in San Antonio. She will discuss "Best EU Business Websites" on June 12 (9 AM), at the session: "One Dot Shopping: Best International Business Websites." She has developed a Web page to accompany this presentation at <http://www.eurunion.org/infores/BestBusSites.HTM>. She also will speak on "Foreign Nationals" on June 13 (1 PM), at the session: "Secrets of the Reference Interview." Author's note: Also recently updated (April 2001)—the stellar guide, Accessing European

Union Information <http://www.eurunion.org/infores/resguide.htm>.



Ann Sweeney & Jeanne Rehberg

Luz Sadak (Law Librarian, Law Library, Inter-American Development Bank) noted that there is a developing database on indigenous peoples available at <http://www.usalantino.net/iadbtest/sds/ind/>. This useful database includes citations to and excerpts of laws (arranged by country and by subject). The Indigenous Peoples and Community Development Unit of the Inter-American Development Bank is continuing to work on this site.

Lyonette Louis-Jacques (Foreign and International Law Librarian and Lecturer in Law, D'Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago Law School) is furthering her knowledge of international relations and soon will be developing an Anglo-American/international law history portal. Author's note: There is always new or updated material at Lyo's Work-in-Progress <http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/~llou/>. Browse!

After reviewing Christian Wiktor's Multilateral Treaty Calendar, 1648-1995 for the American Journal of International Law, **John Gamble** (Professor of Political Science, Pennsylvania State University) and nine political science students transformed data from this source into a statistical database of 6,000+ multilateral treaties spanning 1648-1995. Author's note: I have e-mailed Professor Gamble to determine whether this database will become available to the public. I will provide further information in future.

The University of Georgia School of Law has received an uplink grant from USAID to provide training to Palestinian law faculty. **Anne Burnett** (Reference/Foreign and International Law Librarian,

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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 7/14	Sunday 7/15	Monday, 7/16
 <p>4:00-6:00 CIS & Eastern Europe IG</p>	<p>11:45-12:45 Strategic Plan Implementation Committee</p> <p>1:15-2:30 program B4 The New Reality of a United Germany: German Legal Sources and Research Strategies</p> <p>2:45-4:00 follow-up Roundtable w/ Professor Fred Morrison</p> <p>4:15-5:15 program D2 Mastering <i>The Matrix</i>: Teaching with Technology, with follow-up at: 5:30-6:30 Teaching Foreign & Int'l Legal Research IG</p>	<p>7:00-8:00 Electronic Issues IG (includes eats-n-drinks)</p> <p>7:45-8:45 Clearinghouse for Internships & Int'l Personnel Exchanges</p> <p>10:15-11:45 program E1 Global Citizens: The Immigration Law Research Challenge</p> <p>1:45-2:15 Education Committee</p> <p>4:15-5:15 program F7 New Realities in Data Protection: The Transatlantic Debate</p> <p>5:15-6:15 FCIL Business Meeting</p> <p>6:15-7:00 Reception for Attendees from Abroad</p>

Annual Meeting, July 14 - 19, 2001 in Minneapolis

Web site on April 24; please check their schedule for the most current schedule

Tuesday, 7/17

7:45-8:45 Asian Law IG

9:00-10:30 program G2
Global Trade: Key WTO
Issues and WTO/GATT
Research

10:45-12:15 program H3
New Realities for Developing
Global Collections: New
Approaches and Cooperative
Projects

12:30-1:30 African Law IG

5:15-6:15
Bailey's, Beer and
the BIALL Chair



Wednesday, 7/18

7:45-8:45 Latin American
Law IG

8:45-10:15 program J7
Prometheus Unbound:
"Firing Up" United Nations
Legal Researchers

10:30-11:45 follow-up
Roundtable with the "Blue
Helmet Research Team"

Thursday, 7/19



Minneapolis Skyline



FCIL SIS Sponsors Many Exciting Programs and Events at the AALL Annual Meeting



The articles and calendar on the next few pages will give you an idea of the wealth of FCIL-related activities available during the meeting in the Twin Cities. We hope you'll join us!

Attend the Pre-game Warmup!

For players who attend our **7:00 AM Electronic Issues Interest Group meeting on Monday, July 16, 2001**, there will be a *big* pot of coffee and a dozen bagels (with flavored cream cheeses). Thank you, **IG Chair Marilyn Raisch**, for volunteering to use this early meeting slot.

Heads Up

In future, AALL will add meeting and program locations to <http://www.aallnet.org/events/> links: "Meetings & Events Schedule" and "Programs & Workshops Schedule." A calendar of our team's Annual Meeting activities will be available at the FCIL SIS table in the Exhibit Hall of the Minneapolis Convention Center.

Show Your Team Spirit

Manager Davis is starting to compile the roster of kind players willing to staff CONELL events or our Section's flag-draped, candy laden activities table at the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting. If you will have one or two free hours at the conference, *please* contact : jdavis@brooklaw.edu Thank you in advance for your support!

Times of particular interest:

CONELL:

Saturday, July 14, 10:45 AM-11:30 AM ("Ask the Experts" informal roundtable at which CONELL attendees pose questions about our Section and careers as IFL librarians.)

Jean Davis and ?

Saturday, July 14, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM ("Marketplace" during which CONELL attendees visit tables of many AALL groups.)

Jean Davis and ?

FCIL SIS Activities Table in Exhibit Hall:

Sunday morning, July 15 (Might someone volunteer for **9:15 AM-10 AM**, to coincide with

AALL's ribbon cutting and coffee break in the Exhibit Hall? Later is fine, too.)

Sunday, July 15, 11:45 AM-12:45 PM (Listed as "open time" on AALL's schedule. Note: This coincides with our Section's Strategic Plan Implementation meeting.)

Monday, July 16, 1:45 PM-2:15 PM (AALL's Exhibit Hall Break. Note: This coincides with our Section's Education Committee meeting.)

Tuesday, July 17, 1:45 PM-2:45 PM (AALL's Exhibit Hall Break)

Tuesday, July 17, around 3:00 PM (Need volunteers to box our flags/banners and to deliver them to AALL's office in the Convention Center. **VERY IMPORTANT** because Wednesday morning's cleaning crew will throw out materials left at activities tables.)

FCIL SIS Lineup in Minneapolis Team Manager Jean Davis

Special Events:

The Red Sox have Japan's Nomo and we have Ireland's **John Furlong!** **I hope to see every member of our team at BIALL Chair Furlong's exciting presentation on the Irish legal system, informally known as "Bailey's, Beer AND THE BIALL CHAIR" (see announcement in this issue). Mr. Furlong will speak on Tuesday, July 17, 2001 (5:15 PM) in the Hilton Minneapolis.** Note: AALL's meeting index refers to this event as "FCIL SIS Executive Committee Sponsors Presentation on Irish Legal Research."

Also, there will be noted speakers at Interest Group meetings. **Both the CIS and East European Law**

Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant Debuts

*Tracy Thompson, Chair
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The Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant has enjoyed a promising inaugural year. As you know, Ellen Schaffer, a leader and longtime member of the FCIL-SIS, made a generous \$10,000 donation to establish this new grant. AALL has matched this amount to provide a \$20,000 principal from which this annual grant will be funded. The Schaffer Grant will provide financial assistance to ensure the presence and participation of foreign librarians at the AALL Annual Meeting.

The deadline for applicants this year was April 16, by which time the Schaffer Grant Committee had received over 10 applications from around the world, including China, the Philippines, Canada, Brazil, New Zealand, Australia, Nigeria, Kyrgyzstan and Norway. The Committee will select a recipient by May 1 and we will welcome the inaugural grant recipient to Minneapolis in July. Help us spread the word about this new grant opportunity and watch for next year's application!

Interest Group (Saturday, July 14 (4 PM)) and the African Law Interest Group (Tuesday, July 17 (12:30 PM) are featuring marquis players. All are invited to attend!

Stellar Educational Programs in the Convention Center:

Leadoff batter **Stefanie "The Splendid Splinter" Weigmann**, superstars **Fred. L. Morrison** and **Christa McClure** and librarians from **Shearman & Sterling's German offices** will present **"The New Reality of a United Germany: German Legal Sources and Research Strategies"** (B-4, Sunday, July 15 in TWO PARTS, at 1:15 PM and 2:45 PM).

Victoria "Tom Terrific" Szymczak and **John "The Rocket" Nann** will be throwin' heat at the fast-paced, fun program **"Mastering The Matrix: Teaching with Technology"** (D-2, Sunday, July 15 (4:15 PM)). They will take questions and

demonstrate more teaching techniques at the **Teaching FILR Interest Group meeting following this program (5:30 PM in the Hilton Minneapolis)**. At this IG meeting, there will be a *surprise* provided by **Thomas "Mookie" Daniel** and **LEXIS-NEXIS**. The FCIL SIS Executive Committee thanks LEXIS-NEXIS for supporting its TRIALL veterans!

"M & M Boys"¹ **Michael McCarthy** and **Jack McNeill** will join **Bronx Bomber Victor Essien** and **Bo Sox slugger Irene Good** for **"Global Citizens: The Immigration Law Research Challenge"** (E-1, Monday, July 16 (10:15 AM)). Recommended sources plus teaching tips!

Anne "Skipper" Burnett sets up heavy hitters **Sam Trosow** and **Marc Rotenberg** at **"New Realities in Data Protection: The Transatlantic Debate"** (F-7, Monday, July 16 at 4:15 PM). Hear cutting edge commentary on the "safe harbor" privacy arrangement that the Department of Commerce negotiated with the European Commission.

Linda "Babe" Holmes, **Jeanne "Iron Woman" Rehberg** and **James "Killer Killabrew" Southwick** will electrify the crowd at **"Global Trade: Key WTO Issues and WTO/GATT Research"** (G-2, Tuesday, July 17 at 9:00 AM). Worth waking up for!

Cricket, anyone? **Top batsmen Peter Clinch** and **Steven Whittle** will join **Marci Hoffman** and **Rubens Medina** for the on-field triumph: **"New Realities for Developing Global Collections: New Approaches and Cooperative Projects"** (H-3, Tuesday, July 17 at 10:45 AM). Their discussion will include the Foreign Law Guide project (a web guide to foreign law collections in United Kingdom libraries) and the Global Legal Information Network at the Law Library of Congress.

In a league of their own...**the Blue Helmet Researchers: Jean Davis, Dana Neacsu, Maureen Ratynski, Jeanne Rehberg, Mary Rumsey, Victoria Szymczak, and Julia Wallace**. Yes, we have "UN blue" team caps! **Closers Ratynski** and **Wallace** will evaluate key sources for UN-law related research at **"Prometheus UNBound: 'Firing Up' United Nations Legal**

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Researchers” (J-7, Wednesday, July 18 at 8:45 AM). After the panel presentation, the Blue Helmet Researchers will guide participants through research problems at a **roundtable (10:30 AM).**

As Manager Torre molded the Yankees into World Series champs, our coordinators created a winning lineup of 2001 programs. **Thank you Coordinators Anne Burnett, Linda Holmes, Jack McNeill, Mary Rumsey, Victoria Szymczak, Stefanie Weigmann, and Jules Winterton.**

Let the season begin!

¹. For those who may be unfamiliar with Major League baseball legends, I fondly compare Section members McCarthy and McNeill to extraordinary Yankees Mantle and Maris (the “M & M Boys”).

ROUNDTABLES at the 2001 AALL Annual Meeting

*Submitted by Jean Davis
Member of AALL AMPC*

Roundtables provide an excellent opportunity for in-depth discussion of a program topic. Since roundtables are only briefly mentioned in the *AALL Annual Meeting Preliminary Program* (dates/times of roundtables appear in the “Programs and Events” calendar at http://aallhq.org/database/meeting_annual_programs.asp), I wish to flag two interesting roundtables sponsored by the FCIL SIS:

The New Reality of a United Germany: German Legal Sources and Research Strategies

Sunday, July 15, 2001

Program: 1:15 PM - 2:30 PM

Roundtable w/ Prof. Fred Morrison: 2:45-4:00 PM

At this roundtable, Professor Fred Morrison will discuss the German legal system.

Prometheus UNbound: “Firing Up” United Nations Legal Researchers!

Wednesday, July 18, 2001

Program: 8:45-10:15 AM

Research Roundtable: 10:30-11:45 AM

Following the dynamic UN legal research program (J-7) of Maureen Ratynski and Julia Wallace, the FCIL SIS “Blue Helmet Research Team” will guide participants through research problems based on recommended sources in the *UN Legal Researcher’s Toolkit*.

Bailey’s, Beer and THE BIALL CHAIR!

The FCIL SIS Executive Committee invites all to attend an exciting presentation at AALL’s 2001 Annual Meeting: “Big Steps in a Small Jurisdiction – Irish Legal Reference Materials.” (Tuesday, July 17, 2001 from 5:15 PM – 6:15 PM. In future, consult http://aallhq.org/database/meeting_annual_events.asp for the room assignment.)

Our noted speaker will be John Furlong. A solicitor by profession, Mr. Furlong is Director of Legal Resources and Education at Matheson Ormsby Prentice, Solicitors (MOP). MOP is one of Ireland’s largest corporate law firms. The firm is based in Dublin, Ireland. Mr. Furlong is a member of the Technology Committee of the Law Society of Ireland. He has written widely on legal and technology topics. In 2000, Mr. Furlong became the first Irish person to chair the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians.

Mr. Furlong will discuss Irish legal reference materials in a European context. He will provide an overview of the legal system in Ireland and will address some of the challenges faced by legal information professionals who need to locate relevant domestic and European law. This presentation will also cover recent major developments in electronic delivery of cases, legislation and other law documents.

At the presentation, there will be a prize drawing for a bottle of Bailey’s Irish Cream and a sampler of Mr. Furlong’s favorite Irish beer! **ATTEND AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**



New Realities New Roles - Focus on Practitioner's Toolkit

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OVERVIEW

One of the five tracks developed for the educational programs for the 2001 Minneapolis meeting is the Practitioner's Toolkit. As our profession evolves, we need to keep current with the tools that are the nuts and bolts of our everyday work. The Practitioner's Toolkit track focuses on the means and implementation of our proficiencies as professional librarians.

While many of the themes overlap, twenty-four programs are offered in the Practitioner's Toolkit track which speak to specific applications in our profession. Themes addressed in this track cover many of our day to day work lives of cataloging, teaching, publishing, specific subject areas of reference and research, time management, technology applications, web searching, and web page design.

PROGRAMS

Sunday, July 15

"Power Search—Strategies for Successful Internet Searching"

Addresses hands-on techniques to fine tune web searching.

"The Young and the Restless: What Are the Realities of Professional Growth for New Academic Librarians"

Plan your career path more successfully.

"Using Metadata to Increase Visibility: The GPO Access Search Engine Project"

Improve your web site's visibility with this hands-on session.

"The New Reality of a United Germany: German Legal Sources and Research Strategies"

Addresses very specific issues of German law.

"Pornography on the Internet: A New Reality"

Understand the limits and constraints concerning access to pornography on the internet and its

implications in public areas.

"Celebrating John Marshall: The 200th Anniversary of His Elevation to Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court"

A great session for legal history research and for assessing the impact of John Marshall.

"Teaching Roles and Realities: Choosing the Legal Research Text That's Right for You"

An evaluation of texts by a panel of prominent authors.

"New Roles for Catalogers: Subject Access to the Web"

Use controlled vocabulary to fine tune subject access to the web.

Monday, July 16

"Maximizing the Firm's Technology Investment: Creative Intranet Applications"

Learn about information dissemination within the firm environment via an intranet in another hands-on session.

"Put a CORC in It: The Cooperative Online Resource Catalog's Attempt to Control the WWW Information Flow"

A must session for any user of OCLC.

"When to Pay the Piper: The Copyright Clearance Center—the Robin Hood of the 21st Century, or Robbing Peter to Pay Paul?"

Keep current with changing copyright law.

"Cataloger's Dilemma: When and How to Use Law Uniform Titles"

A must for catalogers which addresses specific applications of AACR2 25.15 and 25.16.

"New Roles? Retooling Yourself for Work in the 21st Century"

Turn your work efficiency into work effectiveness.

"American Indian Law: The New Reality of Native Sovereignty"

Introduces federal Indian law and tribal law.

Tuesday, July 17

"We're Hiring: Designing IT Job Descriptions to Attract the Very Best"

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Provides useful tools to help write job descriptions and to conduct a meaningful job analysis.

“Implementing the MARC 21 Format for Holdings Data: The New Frontier in Technical Services”
Identify specific fields of USMARC format for Holdings Data in another session for catalogers.

“Time Management: There Really *Are* Enough Hours in the Day”
Prioritize and set effective time management goals.

“New Paths Into the Trackless Wilderness: New Electronic Resources for Researching State and Local Government Information”
A must for those who need to locate and navigate state and local government information.

“Legal Research for the Xers and Nexters: Redesigning a Program”
An excellent segue from the 2000 session on teaching legal research to the MTV generation.

Wednesday, July 18

“Getting Published: A How-to Discussion for the Hesitant Cyber Writer and Paper Writer”
Learn the premier writing venues for law librarians in this session.

“Prometheus Unbound: “Firing Up” United Nations Legal Researchers”
Addresses UN legal research, the UNBIS database, and the UN’s Official Documents Search (ODS) web site.

“And You Thought Gadgets Were Only for the Kitchen! 60 Technology Gadgets in 60 Minutes”
Highlights new products that can help in our daily lives..

“What You Don’t Know *Can* Hurt You: Essential Technical Services Knowledge for Public Services Librarians”
Highlights technical services policies that impact the catalog.

“World Wide Web Site Design and Management Considerations”
Explains web site composition and diagnostic tools,

Call for Papers: ASIST

The International Information Issues Special Interest Group (SIG III) of the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIST) is sponsoring an international paper contest on digital library or information science & technology initiatives in developing countries.

The theme of the paper is: “Information in a Networked World: the Developing World Perspective.”

The paper topic could be at the country or regional level. Papers could present a leading edge, salient and/or current issue, problem, concern, policy, idea or practice of information science and technology in the developing world such as, but not limited to, the following: the digital divide, privacy and copyright issues, electronic theses and dissertations, globalization and cultural identity, indigenous peoples, knowledge management, development of electronic resources across networks, bringing access to information to distant and/or disadvantaged communities, or the language issue.

The full announcement is at url <http://www.asis.org/SIG/SIGIII/index.html> then click on “International Paper Contest” at the left frame.

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UGSLL) is exploring methods of offering the programs through Web casting.

Linda Thompson (Law Librarian, Law Library, Library Network of the World Bank Group) discussed the *Global Banking Law Database* <http://207.196.60.236/> (29 participating jurisdictions and growing) and the developing *Global Insolvency Law Database*.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mabel Shaw, new mother of Will! This program offered a welcome opportunity to visit with Ms. Shaw, who is currently on maternity leave from her position as Assistant International and Foreign Law Librarian at the Williams Law Library of GULC.

Krista Lindhard and **Tracy Bridgman** (members of the International & Foreign Law Department, WLLGULC) described the annotated guide: *Researching International Economic Law on the Internet* <http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/intl/iel/home.htm>. Under each topic (example: *Competition Law: Mergers*), there are links to best sites, international instruments, government documents, and cases.

Romila Sudhir (Librarian, F. Clifton White Resource Center, International Foundation for Election Systems) explained that there are links to many jurisdictions' election laws at the IFES site. See *Links to Election Laws and Election Commissions on the Internet* <http://www.ifes.org/Electionlaws.htm>. IFES participates in a joint project with Essex University to digitize election laws and results of elections in Eastern and Central Europe. We can access this segment of the site from <http://www.ifes.org> link: Europe & Newly Independent States. The F. Clifton White Resource Center at the IFES (1101 15th Street NW, 5th Floor, Washington, DC) is *open to visitors* (M-F, 9 AM-5:30 PM). The Resource Center's specialized collection on elections has print copies of over 1330 election laws from 160+ countries. Prior to your first visit, please call Ms. Sudhir to schedule an appointment: (202) 872-4819.

FREE ELECTION LAW BOOK AVAILABLE FOR COST OF POSTAGE: If your institution would like a copy of Tome 1: *L'Afrique*

Francophone. Série Internationale: Les Lois Electorales (published in 1998, 660 pp.), please contact Ms. Sudhir: romila@ifes.org Law schools may request multiple copies. Ms. Sudhir would appreciate receiving the cost of postage if you request that she mail the book(s). (Remember: IFES is a private, nonprofit organization.)

Anita Green (Reference Specialist, U.S. Department of State) explained that her duties include answering reference questions from embassies throughout the world.

Insurance Law Librarian **Yan Hong** informed us about the excellent insurance law collection at the University of Connecticut School of Law Library. Her guide to this collection is available at <http://www.law.uconn.edu/library/clipper/guides/insurance-law.pdf>.

Jeanne Dixon (United Nations Information Centre, Washington, DC) provides guidance in searching the United Nations Web site. Check out the UNICWASH Home Page at <http://www.unicwash.org/>.

News of a friend abroad: our colleague **Elisa Mason** (elisa.mason@qeh.ox.ac.uk) is now Forced Migration Portal Information Officer at the Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford (<http://www.qeh.ox.ac.uk/rsc>). Additional information about the project is available at <http://www.forcedmigration.org/portal/home/homepage.htm>. Ms. Mason is also the author of Guide to International Refugee Law Resources on the Web at <http://www.llrx.com/features/refugee.htm>.

I exhorted new and old friends **TO ADD THEIR NAMES** to our Section's List of Foreign and International Law Librarians Willing To Help Non-Specialists. To view the new document developed by Michael McCarthy (based on data previously compiled by Dan Wade), access: <http://www.nyls.edu/library/FCIL.html>. To send your entry to Mr. McCarthy: mmccarthy@nylaw-07.nyls.edu. Remember: we all need to help each other!

My handout for It's NOT Mission Impossible – Researching and Preparing a Persuasive Written and

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Oral Argument for International Law Moot Court Students is available at <http://brkl.brooklaw.edu> > *Publications*. Soon, **Professor Diane Edelman's** handout also will appear at this site. Thank you Special Agents Burnett, Louis-Jacques, Rehberg, and Sahl for participating in this program! I was



Jean Davis (left) enlisted the help of several Section members and law students (below) during her ASIL program on preparing for international moot court competitions.



thrilled that so many colleagues attended my presentation. Also, I greatly appreciate the prizes for student Agents in Training provided by **William S. Hein and Co.** (*Accidental Tourist on the New Frontier: An Introductory Guide to Global Legal Research*), **Lexis-Nexis** (telephone credit cards and “Just Ask a Law Librarian” notepads), and **Oceana Publications** (*Dictionary of International and Comparative Law*). Following the formal program, I gave an improvisational 30-minute version for students from the Dominican Republic and the foreign jurisdictions of Louisiana and California who thought the session was scheduled to begin at 2 PM!

Final author's note: To remain on schedule, many other colleagues who attended this program limited their remarks to friendly introductions.

¹. “ASIL” is the American Society of International Law.

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