

# FCIL Newsletter

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## From the Chair

Kenneth Rudolf, Chair

For me, the most rewarding element of the FCIL SIS is the people who make up the section. This conclusion has been strengthened this year as I have relied on many of you to carry on the work of the FCIL between our annual meetings in Orlando and Seattle. I have been gratified by the willingness of members to volunteer for committee work or to respond graciously to my requests to assist in some project. So this column is a tribute to all who are participating in the work of the FCIL this year. Until I became chair, I was really unaware of how many people keep up the work of the section between annual meetings.

**Strategic Planning.** The SIS has been engaged in strategic planning for several years, but the departure of the committee chair for another continent brought the process to a halt. Fortunately, our able Vice Chair, Jean Wenger (Cook County Law Library), agreed to chair a reconstituted committee to bring this process to culmination. The new committee, consisting of Jean Davis (Brooklyn Law School), Jolande Goldberg (Library of Congress), Mary Rumsey (University of Minnesota), and Dan Wade (Yale Law School), is busy looking through the material that has been gathered and is striving to have a document ready to present to the membership at the Seattle business meeting.

**Bylaws.** Several recent vacancies have shown that the bylaws do not adequately cover all the situations that can arise, so a committee on bylaws has been formed to recommend appropriate changes. Jonathan Franklin (University of Washington) is leading this committee consisting of Anne Burnett (University of Georgia), Bill Ryan (American University), and Katherine Topulos (Duke University).

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**Publications.** In Orlando, the Electronic Issues Interest Group suggested that enhancements be made to the FCIL web page. Anne Burnett, who functions as our publications committee chair and webmaster, is the leader of this group. Additional members are Stephanie Burke (Boston University), Mark Engsberg (Yale Law School), Lyonette Louis-Jacques (University of Chicago), and Victoria Szymczak (Brooklyn Law School).

**Clearinghouse for Internships and International Personnel Exchanges.** This standing committee assists librarians who would like to experience librarianship in another country find suitable situations. In addition, it works to identify potential libraries willing to host foreign librarians. David McFadden has led this group for several years, and this year a number of people have volunteered to assist in compiling a new list of libraries and in publicizing the service the Clearinghouse offers. The volunteers include Carole Hinchcliff (Ohio State University), Wei Luo (Washington University), Pedro Padilla-Rosa (University of Puerto Rico), Lee Peoples (Oklahoma City University), and Mary Strouse (Catholic University of America).

**Foreign Law Librarians.** Tracy Thompson, our Immediate Past Chair, is spearheading an effort to provide more information and mentoring to foreign librarians who attend the Annual Meeting. This is in response to an unofficial request that our SIS expand on our welcoming reception. In time we may ask for volunteers to serve as liaisons to foreign librarians, introducing them to the culture of an AALL Annual Meeting. In addition, as this Newsletter goes to press, a committee is being formed to administer the Schaffer grant for a visiting foreign librarian to the Annual Meeting.

A very special tribute goes to Stephanie Burke, our intrepid Newsletter editor, who is undertaking this huge job for the second year. In many ways this is a thankless job, but it is also a vital one, keeping the members informed of activities within the SIS.

Another huge thank-you goes to our nominating committee this year, consisting of Jean Davis (Brooklyn Law School), Rhonda Gold (Nova Southeastern University), and Wei Luo (Washington University). Their task is to provide the members with a slate of officers that will move the SIS forward, and they have performed nobly this year. The people they have chosen are committed to giving their time and energy to maintaining a high level of service in the SIS.

It is gratifying to have the names of Mirela Roznovschi (New York University) and Mary Rumsey (University of Minnesota) on the ballot. Mirela has been our intrepid secretary-treasurer for the past two years and is now the candidate for vice chair/chair-elect. She specializes in electronic sources for foreign and international law at her library, and I have relied on the web pages she created and maintains on more than one occasion. They are a tremendous resource for our entire profession. Mary Rumsey, candidate for secretary-treasurer, has served on the former and the current strategic plan committee and on the first Schaffer grant committee. She has also been active in developing training

materials for international researchers. Both of these people have been involved with FCIL for several years and have the depth of experience to be strong candidates. (Note to all you lurkers: If your initials are M.R., you had better watch out. The nominating committee may be coming after you next!)

My greatest fear in writing a column like this is that I have omitted the names of even more of you who work selflessly for the FCIL. (I have intentionally omitted all the Interest Group coordinators—stay tuned for the May issue.) However, my primary reason for listing these names is to show how many people contribute to the work of FCIL. I think everyone who is volunteering this year and who has served in the past deserves a huge vote of appreciation.



*FCIL Newsletter* is published in October, February and May by the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. The main goal of this Section is to “serve as a forum for 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 world wide web at:  
<http://www.aallnet.org/sis/fcilsis/fcilsis.html>.

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2003.**

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SIS, visit the Web site at:  
<http://www.lawsch.uga.edu/fcil/fcil.html>

## Upcoming Meetings

### ASIL Annual Meeting

The 97<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, which takes place in Washington, DC, April 2-5, 2003, will examine “Conflict & Coordination Across International Regimes.” Increasing numbers of international and foreign law librarians from across the country have been attending the ASIL meeting in recent years, attracted by the substantive panels on international legal issues, the comprehensive exhibits by the leading international law publishers, and the chance to network with their colleagues.

This year, the distinguished roster of keynote speakers, lecturers and panelists includes the Honorable Mary Robinson, former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and President of Ireland; US Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer; International Court of Justice Judge Rosalyn Higgins; and former US Senator George Mitchell.

Panels will feature representatives of the WTO, IMF, the World Bank, Transparency International, the Yugoslavia International Criminal Tribunal, the US Departments of State and Defense, and numerous NGOs, law firms and universities around the world. They will address current topics such as securities regulation, self-defense against terrorism, the International Criminal Court, the UN and the administration of territory, and many other public and private international law subjects.

Don't miss this unique and engaging opportunity to hear about and discuss the issues on the cutting edge of

international law today. In addition, a special lunch for librarians and information specialists will be held on Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup> for those attending the meeting.

For more information on the ASIL Meeting, visit the website at <http://www.asil.org> where the program is being constantly updated, and a registration form is available. We hope a record number of FCIL members will be able to attend this year!

Note: Immediately before the meeting, a Law Library of Congress workshop, co-sponsored by the American Society of International Law, will focus “Free Trade and Economic Integration in Asia: the Changing Legal Landscape.” See notice, following.

Submitted by Jill McC. Watson  
**Free Trade and Economic Integration in Asia: The Changing Legal Landscape**  
Presented by the Law Library of Congress

On Wednesday, April 2, 2003, this one-day workshop will focus on trade in Asia (with associated topics such as commercial law, investment, and intellectual property). With the increasing importance of international trade and economic integration, it is critical for faculty, lawyers, students and librarians in the U.S. to be well equipped to find relevant information and laws related to many of the major jurisdictions in Asia. This workshop will highlight the major issues surrounding this topic and focus on the best resources for obtaining legal information. Handouts will include both print and

electronic sources, with a focus on English language materials.

The workshop is sponsored by the Friends of the Law Library of Congress, Law Librarians Society of Washington D.C. (LLSDC), American Society of International Law (ASIL), and the AALL Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL SIS).

Speakers include the Law Library of Congress' well-known specialists on Asian law: Dr. Taotai Hsia, Chief, Eastern Law Division; Krishan Nehra, Senior Legal Specialist; Constance A. Johnson, Senior Legal Research Analyst; and Sayuri Umeda, Contract Legal Specialist; from Georgetown University Law Center, Professor James Feinerman; from George Washington University School of Law, Professor Raj Bhala; and Jeanne Rehberg of New York University School of Law Library.

The location of the workshop will be the Library of Congress, National Digital Library Learning Center, Atrium, James Madison Memorial Bldg., 101 Independence Avenue, SE, Washington, DC.

Registration: \$50.00 (non-refundable), includes continental breakfast, lunch, and program materials. For registration information and a complete schedule for this program, see:

<http://www.llsdc.org/sis/forint/asia.htm>

The deadline for registration is March 17, 2003

If you have questions, please contact Herb Somers, George Washington University Law School, (202) 994-5177, [hsomers@burns.nlc.gwu.edu](mailto:hsomers@burns.nlc.gwu.edu).

### **IALL Course 2003: International Association of Law Libraries. 'New Rights - New Laws: Legal Information in a Changing World'**

21st-25th September 2003 at the University of Cape Town's Breakwater Campus, Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa. Preliminary details at <http://www.iall.org/iall2003/> The annual course in international law librarianship is the Association's main meeting and educational event of the year. There are three main themes this year: Law and Social Change, Rights and Law, South African law and legal literature. We shall be exploring no less than the remaking of a legal system. Sessions will explore the rewriting of the Constitution and the work of the Constitutional Court, and the information services to support it, rights in action, land reform, economic rights, and welfare law, dealing with the past in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, and the creation of a new legal order dealing with the disparities within society. We will be assisted in understanding the mixed system of common law and Roman-Dutch law and the systems of indigenous law and their interplay. The great project of creating a new legal system here where so many different traditions meet will be of importance to anyone who believes major social change can be achieved by working within the legal order. At a time when South Africa is looking out to other legal systems, we can all learn by looking at the changes it has achieved.

Submitted by Jules Winterton

**IALL Professional Development Scholarships (note closing date: 30 April 2003)**

The International Association of Law Libraries is pleased to announce the availability of financial assistance to enable law librarians who are normally unable to benefit from Association activities to attend the 22nd Annual Course in International Law Librarianship to be held in Cape Town, South Africa, from 21st to 25th September October 2003. Information about the conference is on the IALL Website at: <http://www.iall.org/iall2003/> and this notice about scholarships is at <http://www.iall.org/scholarship.htm>

IALL offers two scholarships to attend its Conference comprising the following benefits:

- \* The conference registration fee is waived
- \* A grant of up to US\$1,500 to assist with accommodation and travel costs
- \* Complimentary membership in IALL for one year (including journal)

Application should normally be by typed letter with full contact details to the Chair of the Scholarships Committee of the Association: Jules Winterton, IALL Scholarships Committee, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London WC1B 5DR, UK

Please include the following information:

A full resumé / curriculum vitae including:

- Name and qualifications
- Full contact details including email if available
- Details of present job
- Present and past employers
- Membership of professional associations
- Attendance at conferences

Your reasons for wanting to attend this conference, the expected benefits and how you intend to disseminate those benefits.

A reference from your employer including permission to attend the conference.

Report: Recipients will undertake to write a report for publication by IALL by the end of the year of the conference.

Selection Guidelines

- 1) Applicants do not need to be members of the Association.
- 2) Applicants should be in current employment in librarianship with significant legal context to their work. The scholarships are not designed for students or those not currently in employment.

- 3) Preference will be given to:
- a) applicants who demonstrate promise and are likely to make a significant contribution to the profession of law librarianship;
  - b) applicants who cannot otherwise afford to attend;
  - c) applicants who have not received an IALL scholarship before;
  - d) applicants who have not attended a conference outside their own country/region or studied or worked outside their own country before.

4) IALL scholarships are not open to officers or members of the Board of the Association.

Award: The President in consultation with the Board of Directors of the Association will decide on awards. The Association may make no awards, vary the amount of the awards or make additional awards within the above limit. The Association's decisions on the award of scholarships are final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Enquiries can be made in writing to: Jules Winterton; IALL Scholarships Committee  
Institute of Advanced Legal Studies; London WC1B 5DR; [jules.winterton@sas.ac.uk](mailto:jules.winterton@sas.ac.uk)

*Applications must be received by 30 April 2003.*

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES**  
Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section

**TO:** Members of the FCIL-SIS  
**FROM:** Jean Davis, Chair, Nominations Committee  
**DATE:** February 1, 2003  
**RE:** Annual Election of Officers

Below is the official ballot for the election of FCIL-SIS officers. This year, FCIL-SIS members will elect a Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect and a Secretary/Treasurer. Please feel free to vote for a write-in candidate of your choice—after verifying the write-in candidate's willingness to serve.

Mark your ballot, place the ballot in a plain envelope, seal the envelope and mail the sealed envelope to me in a cover envelope. **Your name must appear on the outer (cover) envelope for the ballot to be valid.** Do not write anything on the outside of the inner envelope. Please return your ballot by **March 24, 2003.**

**Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest  
Section  
Official Ballot 2003**

The Nominations Committee, consisting of Jean Davis (Chair), Rhonda Gold and Wei Luo, has nominated the following candidates:

**Vice-Chair/Chair-Elect:**

[  ] Mirela Roznovschi, Reference Librarian—Foreign & International Law, New York University School of Law Library, New York, NY (Please see *Candidate Bios*, page 9).

[  ]

**Secretary/Treasurer:**

[  ] Mary Rumsey, Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian, University of Minnesota Law School Library, Minneapolis, MN (Please see *Candidate's Bio*, page ).

[  ]

Please return ballots to:  
Jean Davis, Chair, FCIL-SIS Nominations Committee  
Brooklyn Law School Library  
250 Joralemon Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

## **FCIL Candidate Bios**

### **Mary Rumsey**

Mary Rumsey is the Foreign, Comparative & International Law Librarian at the University of Minnesota Law Library. She received a B.A. in Philosophy and Political Science, Phi Beta Kappa, from the University of Wisconsin, and a J.D. from the University of Chicago. She practiced law for two years and then worked for West Group in its Westlaw Research and Development department. In 1998, she received an M.L.I.S. from Dominican University. Mary worked for the William Mitchell College of Law as its Electronic Services Librarian before joining the University of Minnesota Law Library in June 2000. She teaches a seminar on foreign and international legal research, lectures frequently on research to other groups, and has published several articles.

### **Mirela Roznovschi**

Mirela Roznovschi is a Reference Librarian for International and Foreign Law at the New York University Law Library. She earned her M.A. degree from the University of Bucharest, Romania, and her M.L.S. degree from Pratt University, New York. She also has a Certificate on Internet Technologies from New York University. She teaches foreign, comparative, and international law research at NYU Law School, and at Long Island University Palmer School of Library Science. She has written many articles and a book, *Toward a Cyberlegal Culture* (Transnational Publishers, 2001, 2002). She lectured on international and foreign law research abroad: Yerevan State University (Armenia), Central European University (Budapest, Hungary), Constitutional and Legal Policy Institute (Moscow, Russia; Riga, Latvia), the Open Society Justice Initiative/International Legal Institute (Budapest, Hungary). She was a frequent speaker at foreign and international law programs for AALL and served as a member of the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals Advisory Committee (1997-2000) and as the Secretary/Treasurer of FCIL SIS (2001-2003). She is the Editor and Webmaster of the Guide to Foreign and International Legal Databases from the NYU Law Library's Home Page and a contributing editor for LLRX.com (was responsible for a database of articles and guides to international and foreign law research).

## **AALL Annual Meeting 2003: Seattle, Washington**

### **Library Tours**

Seattle Library Tours: The Preliminary Program for AALL provides your only opportunity to sign up for library tours in Seattle. Take a moment to register for tours of private, public, and academic law libraries. See the public research opportunities at King County Law Library; be dazzled by the glass roof of the library at Davis Wright Tremaine; check out the new and nearly new libraries at Seattle University and the University of Washington; and more!

Submitted by the Local Arrangements Committee

### **Host a Foreign Law Librarian Attending AALL 2003**

Last year AALL formed the Hospitality for Overseas Participants at the Annual Meeting Special Committee. The committee examined ways to increase and enhance participation by non-US attendees at the AALL Annual Meeting. Ultimately, they determined that much of what they hoped to accomplish was already being done by the FCIL-SIS through events like FCIL's Annual Reception for Visitors from Abroad, and through the continuation of the Schaffer Grant.

The task of the host would be to answer any questions or concerns (from dress code queries to "Can I attend that?") and to help make the visit as smooth as possible. This might include suggesting some programs, meeting your guest for a drink or lunch,

Introducing them around, taking them to your SIS or Chapter meeting, bringing them to the FCIL reception, and generally making them feel included and not adrift in our sea of law librarians.

If you are interested in taking advantage of this unique opportunity to serve as a host to a visiting librarian please e-mail Tracy Thompson (tracy.thompson@yale.edu) as soon as possible. Please provide your complete contact information.

Submitted by Tracy L. Thompson

### **2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshop Grants**

Deadline: April 1, 2003

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to newer law librarians or graduate school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession. Funds are provided by vendors, AALL and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops. Preference is given to newer members of AALL or its chapters who are active participants in the association or one of its chapters. For additional information, including the application form, see [http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp). The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003.

Submitted by Michelle Pearse

**ELLEN SCHAFFER FOREIGN  
LIBRARIAN'S GRANT**  
AALL ANNUAL MEETING 2003  
SEATTLE, WA

The purpose of the Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant ("Schaffer Grant") is to provide financial assistance to ensure the presence and participation of foreign librarians at the AALL Annual Meeting. Foreign attendees enrich AALL events by sharing global perspectives to the benefit of all participants. The Schaffer Grant for the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle Washington will cover AALL Annual Meeting registration costs, and possibly some additional expenses. Due to poor market performance in the prior fiscal year, the Grant principal failed to generate any income and therefore only a minimal monetary stipend may be offered for this year. Grant applicants should have other sources of funding to cover the costs of travel, lodging and meals.

Applicants for the Schaffer Grant must be librarians working in foreign countries who have not previously attended an AALL Annual Meeting. To be considered for this award, please send a letter of application, including a brief biography, your current position, your reason for interest in attending the Annual Meeting and what you hope to gain from attendance. The recipient will be asked to provide a written report on her or his experience at the Meeting for inclusion in the October newsletter of the FCIL-SIS. Application letters should be sent to the Schaffer Grant Committee Chair:

Rhonda Gold  
Reference/International & UN Librarian

Nova Southeastern University Law  
Library  
3305 College Avenue  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33314  
E-mail: Goldr@nsu.law.nova.edu.

Purpose: The purpose of the Ellen Schaffer Foreign Librarian's Grant ("Schaffer Grant") is to provide financial assistance to ensure the presence and participation of foreign librarians at the AALL Annual Meeting. Foreign attendees enrich AALL events by sharing global perspectives to the benefit of all participants. The inaugural Schaffer Grant will cover one foreign librarian's 1) AALL Annual Meeting registration costs and 2) a percentage of the foreign librarian's AALL Annual Meeting travel and per diem expenses. The amount available for travel and per diem expenses may vary, depending on the annual income generated by the Schaffer Grant fund. Please note: The Schaffer Grant for the 2003 Annual Meeting in Seattle WA will cover only AALL Annual Meeting registration costs and may include a small stipend.

Qualifications: An applicant must be a librarian who resides and works in a country other than the United States of America. If circumstances prevent use of the Schaffer Grant by a recipient, the grant will revert to the AALL FCIL SIS Grant Committee ("Grant Committee") for disposition at the discretion of the Grant Committee.

Deadline: The Chair of the Grant Committee must receive all applications by April 30, 2003. The Grant Committee will not consider late or incomplete applications.

Selection Criteria: The Grant Committee may give preference to: 1) A foreign librarian who demonstrates financial need. 2) A foreign librarian who has never attended an AALL Annual Meeting.

The Grant Committee will not consider applications from individuals who have received the Schaffer Grant during the preceding two years.

Notification: The Grant Committee will notify the Schaffer Grant recipient and other applicants of its award decision. The Grant Committee also may post a general

announcement in AALL publications and listservs.

Responsibilities: The Schaffer Grant recipient will agree to help educate law librarians by completing one of the following activities: writing a brief article for the AALL FCIL SIS web site; or participating in an AALL FCIL SIS Interest Group or Committee meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting. The Schaffer Grant recipient can discuss appropriate methods of sharing knowledge with the Grant Committee.



**AALL SEATTLE 2003**

**ELLEN SCHAFFER FOREIGN LIBRARIAN'S GRANT**  
AALL ANNUAL MEETING 2003  
SEATTLE, WA  
Schaffer Grant Application 2003

Name:

Work Address and Telephone Number:

E-Mail Address:

Job Title/Position:

Check the statement below that applies to you:

\_\_\_\_\_ I have never attended an AALL Annual Meeting

\_\_\_\_\_ I have previously attended one or more AALL Annual Meetings.

Year(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Will your employer pay any percentage of your registration and travel expenses for the AALL Annual Meeting?

\_\_\_\_\_ NO

\_\_\_\_\_ YES (if YES, please describe below the percentage and types of expenses that your employer will pay)

Check the statement below that applies to you:

If I do not receive a grant: (Check one)

\_\_\_\_\_ I will be unable to attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ I may not be able to attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

\_\_\_\_\_ I will attend the AALL Annual Meeting.

Are you a member of AALL or any other library organization(s)?

In a few paragraphs, please describe why you are a strong candidate for the Schaffer Grant.

Please include all factors that the Grant Committee should consider in reviewing your application.

If I receive the Schaffer Grant and am unable to attend the AALL Annual Meeting, I shall return the money to the Chair of the AALL FCIL SIS Grant Committee. If I receive the Schaffer Grant, I will help to educate law librarians by writing an article, actively participating in an AALL FCIL SIS Committee or Interest Group meeting at the AALL Annual Meeting, or sharing knowledge in another manner as discussed with the Grant Committee.

Applicant's signature:

Date:

Please send one copy of your application to:

Rhonda Gold  
Reference/International & UN Librarian  
Nova Southeastern University Law Library  
3305 College Avenue  
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33314  
Goldr@nsu.law.nova.edu.

***Applications must be received by April 30.***

## **Report from the IALL Annual Course 2002**

By Mark Engsborg, Yale Law School Library

From October 20 to 24, 2002 Yale Law Library hosted the twenty-first Annual Course on International Law Librarianship. The International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) sponsored the event. The IALL Annual Meeting convenes in a different venue every year, and this is the first time it has been in the United States for about a decade. The theme of the meeting was "Order from Chaos: Context for Global Legal Information." The conference focused on the knowledge international law librarians need to do their jobs well.

Nearly 130 librarians attended the conference. They came from all over the world--Australia, the Caribbean, Eastern Europe, former Soviet republics, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, the United States, and Western Europe. Although primarily focused on aspects of international law and librarianship, the IALL course traditionally allots conference time to some aspect of the host jurisdiction. Accordingly, the events on Monday, October 21 included discussions of American legal publishing and education, as well as an excursion to the Litchfield Law School, the first law school in the U.S.

In the first panel of the week, Morris Cohen, professor emeritus of law and former librarian of Yale Law School, outlined the history of American legal publishing. Cohen described the transition of British common law sources to colonial America and the subsequent development of a domestic legal publishing industry. He concluded

his narrative at the present day, with its proprietary databases and huge, multinational corporate publishers. Richard A. Danner, Senior Associate Dean for Information Services and Research Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, followed with an analysis of the impact of digital technologies on present modalities of legal research and forecast their role into the foreseeable future.

On Tuesday, October 22, the group of librarians visited the United Nations in New York City to consider the role of international organizations, particularly in terms of publishing. At the UN, the conferees also learned more about the role and resources of the UN library. Wednesday, the venue returned to New Haven for further discussions of trends in international law, focusing on international tribunals and the activities of human rights organizations in the context of the War on Terror. The final day of the course was an optional trip to Harvard Law School to tour the Harvard Law Library and hear speakers outline the structure of the law of the Islamic world.



Beyond the tours and talks, we international law librarians benefit from meeting each other and discussing the common challenges we face, such as finding ways to bridge print and

electronic collections and keeping up with the rapidly evolving legal publishing industry. The IALL Annual Meeting at Yale provided many opportunities for these discussions.

The Yale conference web site is still live at <http://library.law.yale.edu/library/iall2002/>, and it contains links to the full program of speakers and topics. For those interested in learning more about the IALL, you can visit the IALL home page at <http://www.iall.org/>. And for those curious about this year's meeting, the 2003 IALL conference will be held in Cape Town, South Africa. The local planning committee has just posted a web site for the conference at <http://www.iall.org/iall2003/>.

**Job Posting:** LAW REFERENCE LIBRARIAN (Foreign/International Specialist), LEGAL RESEARCH CENTER, UNIVERSITY OF SAN DIEGO

**Responsibilities:** As a member of the Public Services reference team, provides general and specialized research and reference services to all LRC patrons using both traditional and computer-assisted legal resources. Serves as the foreign and international law specialist within the reference team. Provides training and instruction in the use of legal research tools in all formats. As assigned, produces bibliographies and research, orientation, and informational guides for use of LRC patrons; assists in development, evaluation, implementation, and revision of Public Services research tools, policies and procedures. Gives tours of the LRC. Surveys LRC collections to assist in collection development, especially

foreign and international resources. Supervises part-time student assistants. Takes on and oversees projects as assigned.

**Qualifications:** M.L.S. degree from ALA-accredited library school; J.D. degree from ABA-accredited law school; law library experience (academic setting strongly preferred); knowledge of traditional legal research methods and legal reference work; knowledge of all forms of information technology used in legal research and instruction; interest in specializing in foreign and international law research; strong interpersonal skills; strong problem-solving ability; excellent organizational, verbal and writing skills; teaching ability; initiative and aptitude for planning and development.

Knowledge of international and foreign law resources and research methods; supervisory experience; public services experience ; knowledge of LANs (local area networks), Innovative Interfaces library automation system, and software applications such as WordPerfect and QuattroPro; knowledge of web site creation and maintenance applications; knowledge of at least one foreign language with emphasis on reading legal texts preferred.

**Starting Range:** Minimum \$50,000, depending upon qualifications

**Closing Date:** April 1, 2003

**Start Date:** Summer 2003

**To Apply:** Please submit a completed USD application <http://www.admin.is.sandiego.edu/hr/Forms/empapp00.doc> (MS Word) or <http://www.admin.is.sandiego.edu/hr/Forms/empapp00.pdf> (PDF), cover letter, resume, and contact information for

three professional references in hard copy to:

Ruth Levor, Acting Director  
University of San Diego Legal Research Center  
5998 Alcala Park  
San Diego, CA 92110-2492

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## **FCIL Newsletter**

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